# Colouring in our heaths:

# European nightjar

Scientific name: Caprimulgus europaeus

## What colour is the nightjar?

Nightjars have brilliant camouflage! They are mostly different shades of brown, matching their surroundings. The male has white spots on the tips of their tail and wings.

### **Fun Facts!**

- Nightjars are nocturnal. At night, they use the whiskers around their beak to catch moths mid-air!
- The nightjar doesn't make a fancy nest, just a few twigs on the ground will do!

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