



# Animal Adoption Certificate

This is to  
certify that

**Shelford Girls'  
Grammar**

has sponsored the

**Tawny  
Frogmouth**

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# TAWNY FROGMOUTH

*Podargus strigoides*



## Supporting the species

Tawny Frogmouths are a nocturnal bird species that are often confused with being an owl. In fact, they are more closely related to other nocturnal bird species called Nightjars.

Tawny Frogmouths are amazing at camouflage and rely on it to stay safe and hidden during the day. They have the ability to mimic the appearance of a tree branch by staying completely still and stretching out their bodies as tall as possible. They are generally silver-grey in colour and have bright yellow eyes.

## Diet

The Tawny Frogmouth has a varied diet including a variety of insects, frogs, small reptiles and mice. They can sometimes be seen holding their mouth wide open to display its yellow interior; this is thought to attract insects acting as a “yellow light”.

## Habitat

Tawny Frogmouths are a well adapted species that can be found in most habitat types except dense rainforest and deserts. They can be found in heath, forest and woodlands, urban and rural areas.

## Breeding

Breeding season ranges from August to December. They form a nest of loosely placed sticks, usually in the fork of a tree, and lay between 1-3 eggs. The male and female take in turns incubating; one sitting on the nest whilst the other finds food.



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