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Teacher Notes and Activities

Baby Tawnies

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As darkness falls, two tawny frogmouths fly into the forest to find food.

Far above the ground, Reggie and Lyla are left alone. But the little tawnies don't plan to stay in the nest . . .

Beautifully hand-crafted illustrations bring this picture book to life. This book also includes facts about Australian tawny frogmouths.



Teacher Notes taken from those supplied by the Publishers, Random House. A full version is available at www.randomhouse.com.au/teachers.

Themes:

- Tawny frogmouths
- Growing up
- Having courage to try new things
- Australian birds
- Habitats
- Baby animals

Discussion Points:

- Have you ever seen a tawny frogmouth? Sometimes they can even be seen in your back garden, if you're lucky!
- What other baby animals have you seen? Why do you think these birds are called 'frogmouths'? What do the tawny frogmouths eat?
- Why do tawny frogmouths hunt at night and sleep during the day?
- Why is Reggie scared to leave the nest? Why do you think Lyla wants to leave the nest?
- If you were an adult bird, what would you have to do to care for your babies?
- What is something you have learned to do? (Examples: Riding a bike, helping mum or dad cook dinner, tying shoelaces.) Were you scared before you started learning? How did you feel when you could do it all by yourself?
- If you have an older sister or brother, what have they helped you to learn to do?
- If you have a younger sister or brother, is there a task or activity that you have helped them learn to do?

Activities:

- The artist uses many materials to create her pictures. Use different-coloured scraps of felt or paper to cut out shapes and make a collage picture of an animal or bird. What else could you use to make your picture? Examples: pipe cleaners could make a nest, buttons could be eyes, a real stick from the garden could be what your bird is sitting on.
- Sew two pieces of fabric together, stuff it, sew on eyes, hair or feathers, and legs. Give your creature a name and make up a story about it. Include characters that others have made.
- Write a story about a baby bird or animal. What is the baby learning in your story? Draw a picture of it.
- What happened next to Reggie and Lyla? Write another adventure for them.
- Puppet show: Find or make puppets of a mummy and daddy bird and two baby birds, then act out the story of the baby birds learning to fly.