



# Rock Eagle Owl

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Recently, a Rock Eagle Owl nest prompted the Telangana forest department to halt quarrying operations for over a month.?

## About Rock Eagle Owl

It is also called Indian eagle-owl (*Bubo bengalensis*) or Bengal eagle-owl.

It is a large-horned owl species native to hilly scrub forests in India.

### Appearance

It is usually brown and grey in colour, with a white throat patch that has black stripes.

It was earlier treated as a subspecies of the Eurasian eagle-owl.

Its chicks are born with white fluff which is gradually replaced by speckled feathers during the pre-juvenile moult after about two weeks.

It is usually seen in pairs. It has a deep resonant booming call that may be heard at dawn and dusk.

**Habitat:** They are especially seen near rocky places within the mainland of the Indian Subcontinent south of the Himalayas. They avoid humid evergreen forests and extremely arid areas.

**Distribution:** It is mainly found in South Asian countries like India, Nepal, Pakistan

### Conservation Status of Rock Eagle Owl

**IUCN:** Least Concern

**CITES:** Appendix II

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