

BOOBOOK OWL

(NINOX BOOBOOK)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN*



WE ARE BIRDS

with a lifespan of
15 years in the wild,
25 years in captivity.



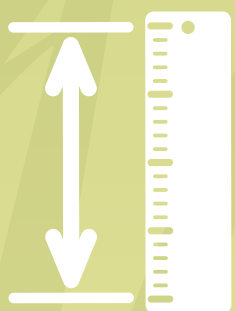
Origin: Mainland Australia, southern New Guinea, the island of Timor, and the Sunda Islands.

Diet: Mice, insects, beetles, moths and small birds. They are carnivores.

Predators: Domestic cats, rats and other birds of prey.

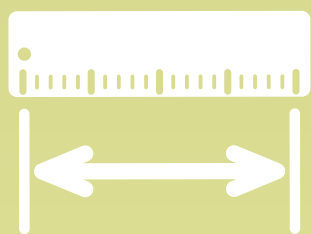
Habitat: Forests, open woodlands, scrubland and semi deserts.

*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2016
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Height

27-36cm



Wingspan

60-70cm



Weight

KG

146g-360g

DID YOU KNOW?

The Boobook is the smallest owl in Australia.

They are one of the most common owls in Australia.

The Boobook is known for its aerial acrobatics when hunting insects and arachnids such as moths, beetles and spiders.

The Boobook derives its name from its distinctive 'Boo-book' call.

The Australian Boobook has been known by a variety of names over the years with many being onomatopoeic and regional, these names include Mopoke, Morepork, Buck-buck, Bok-bok, Goor-goor-da, Mel-in-de-ye, and Koor-koo. In 2019 the international ornithological committee changed the name from the Southern Boobook to the Australian Boobook.

REPRODUCTION

The breeding season is August to September almost throughout Australia. Pairs perch close together with the male giving a 'pot pot por' call for long periods. This may commence well before the start of the season. The female will typically lay 2-3 eggs at 1-2 day intervals and the eggs are incubated for 35 days. They will fledge the nest at around 5-6 weeks and are fully independent at around 16 weeks.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE OWLS