

# EURASIAN EAGLE OWL

(BUBO BUBO)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN\*

**WE ARE BIRDS**  
with a lifespan of 20 years  
in the wild or 40  
years in captivity



**Origin:** Europe, Asia and Northern Africa.

**Diet:** Small mammals such as rabbits, hares, voles and rats. They also eat game birds, foxes, young roe deer, other birds of prey, amphibians, reptiles, fish and insects. They are carnivores.

**Predators:** None, they are at the top of the food chain.

**Habitat:** Mountain cliffs, ravines and rocky forested terrain.



\*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2017. Downloaded 08.02.19



Height

65-70cm



Weight

KG 1.2-4kg

## DID YOU KNOW?

They are silent hunters that use their exceptional eyesight and hearing to capture their prey.

They are mostly nocturnal and hunt at dusk or dawn. You can tell this by their bright orange eyes.

They are one of the world's largest and most ferocious owl.

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## ADAPTATIONS

Their ear tufts are not actually where their ears are but help to break up the owl's round face, allowing them to camouflage in the trees more easily. Their ears are asymmetrically positioned at eye level. This makes them able to hear the exact location of their prey. Their flight is powerful, fast and their soft fringed feathers allow them to fly silently to catch their prey.

## REPRODUCTION

Females lay 2-3 eggs from February to May. They take 32-35 days to hatch. The females stay in the nest whilst the male hunts for food and brings it back to the nest. Once hatched, they grow very quickly and within 7 weeks are nearly fully grown and learning to fly. After another 3-4 months they are ready to leave home and look for their own territory. At 2-3 years old they are ready to find a mate, nest and have chicks of their own.

**PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE OWLS**