

# SPECTACLED OWL

(*PULSATRIX PERSPICILLATA*)

CONSERVATION STATUS: LEAST CONCERN\*



WE ARE BIRDS  
with a lifespan  
of 35 years



**Origin:** Central and Southern America.

**Diet:** Small amphibians, mice, insects, bats and possums. They are omnivores.

**Predators:** Sometimes larger birds, however they are very good at hiding so are rarely preyed upon.

**Habitat:** Near water in tropical forests.

\*The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2018. Downloaded 10.05.19



Height

43-46cm



Weight

450-900g

## DID YOU KNOW?

They are the largest of the tropical owl species.

Their name 'Spectacled Owl' comes from the white feathers around their eyes and throat that look like a pair of spectacles or glasses.

Males and females have different calls. The males sound like a hammer hitting a hollow tree that gets progressively quieter, whilst the females screech.

Females are larger than the males.

## REPRODUCTION

Spectacled owls are monogamous, meaning they will mate for life. Breeding begins at the start of the rainy season. They build their nests inside tree cavities where the female will lay two eggs. After an incubation period of 5 weeks the owlets will hatch. Usually only one chick survives. Owlets usually leave the nest unable to fly at 5-6 weeks of age. They will remain with their parents for the first year of their life. Both parents take care of the owlets. They learn to fly around two years of age but will not fly properly until their molting period is over and their adult feathers come in properly.

GET UP CLOSE AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE AMAZING BIRDS BY BOOKING AN OWL EXPERIENCE!

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE OWLS