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Animal Fact Sheet

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Burrowing Owl

Athene cunicularia

The burrowing owl is an owl that lives in a hole in the ground, is active in daylight, and stands on absurdly long legs — every one of those is unusual for an owl. Across most of the western United S…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Strigidae
Habitat: Grasslands, prairies, deserts, and open scrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-8 years in the wild
Weight: 140-240 grams
Scientific name: Athene cunicularia

Did you know?

- Unlike most owls, Burrowing Owls are often active during the day, especially during the early morning and late afternoon.
- Burrowing owls cache surplus food in their tunnels and have been found with dozens of rodents stockpiled at once. They will bob and bow at the burrow…

What I learned

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