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Common Potoo

Nyctibius griseus

The Common Potoo is a nocturnal bird known for its extraordinary camouflage and haunting calls. With mottled gray and brown plumage, it blends seamlessly with tree branches during the day, making it ...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Nyctibiidae

Habitat: Tropical and subtropical forests, woodland edges, and savannas

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-14 years

Weight: 145-220 grams

Scientific name: *Nyctibius griseus*

Did you know?

- Despite appearing motionless and invisible during the day, Common Potoos can rotate their heads up to 180 degrees to keep watch for predators.
- Common Potoos are experts at camouflage, resembling broken tree branches when perched. They have a unique eyelid adaptation, allowing them to see whi...

What I learned
