

The Barking Owl

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INTRODUCTION

OWLS

Owls are very important to our ecosystem and yet owls are not easily spotted. A lot of owls have been hunted by humans. Unfortunately there are only about 50 pairs of barking owls left in Victoria!

Did You Know?

Owls eyes are actually cubes!

DESCRIPTION

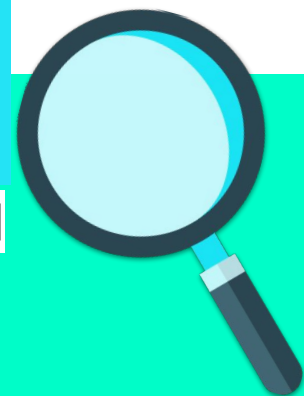
They are a robust, medium-sized owl 39–44 cm long and their wingspan is between 85 and 120 cm. They weigh between 380 and 960 g. Size varies only slightly between the male and female birds with the male barking owl being 8-10 % heavier.



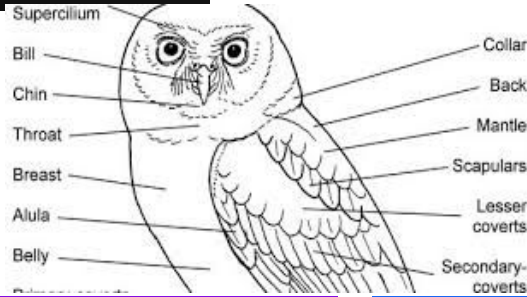
DISTRIBUTION



You're likely to see barking owls in Australia's north-east and north-west, and might also come across them in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.



FACTS



Diet

Barking owls tend to hunt at dusk and dawn using sight rather than sound to find their prey. Their diet consists of small to medium mammals, birds, insects and even reptiles.

Habitat

They are found on mainland Australia except in central areas. The barking owl lives in open woodlands and on the edges of forests.

Breeding Season

There breeding season is September to October.

3 REASONS TO PROTECT THEM...



They help plants by pruning them and spreading seeds.



They have been hunted so their numbers are too low.



They eat and control the numbers of insects.

Protect our OWLS

Otherwise there will be no more hooting at night!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BARKING OWL SOUND



HOPE U ENJOY THE VIDEO!

[Listen to the sound of a barking owl scream - ABC News](#)



SOURCES I USED

- ▶ <https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/finder/all-species>
- ▶ <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/sydney-nature/wildlife/birds-in-sydney>
- ▶ <https://australian.museum/learn/animals/birds/birds-in-backyards-top-30-urban-birds/>



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