

POWERFUL OWL

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INTRODUCTION

Powerful owls are a bird of prey. That means they eat meat. They have a sharp-tipped, strong beak. Other meat eater birds all grab their prey and kill it. These birds that kill their prey are kookaburras, magpies, currawongs, butcherbirds and powerful owls.



Did You Know?

Did you know that powerful owls are the largest nocturnal birds in Australia?

DESCRIPTION

The Powerful Owl is a large owl with a small head and a rounded tail. It is dark-grey above and off-white below, with a distinctive v-shaped chevron pattern. The eyes are yellow, set like a dark grey or brown mask. It has a sharp-tipped strong beak that it uses to kill the animals it eats.



This is a picture of a powerful owl on a log.

Useful Facts

Average length:
50-60 cm

Average weight:
1.45 kgs

DISTRIBUTION



Two owls are standing on a tree looking for prey such as great gliders and ring-tailed possums.



FACTS



Diet

Powerful owls eat great gliders and ring tailed possums. It will eat roosting animals. It eats both ground and tree dwelling animals.

Habitat

They live in open forests and woodlands as well as in sheltered gullies and rivers. They like wet forests with dense understories.

Breeding Season

The breeding season normally starts in May and continues until August. Then a cute baby powerful owl is born. If you're lucky enough you will hear a "hooing" sound in your backyard.

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5 REASONS TO PROTECT THEM...

1

They help plants by pruning them and spreading the seeds.

4

The birds are very beautiful and make a feature to our gardens.

2

We need to protect birds especially small and endangered ones.

5

They are important to the balancing the food web and the wider ecosystem.

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They help kill insects such as flies and ants.

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COOL PICTURES OF POWERFUL OWLS



The first picture is a solo picture of a cranky powerful owl.

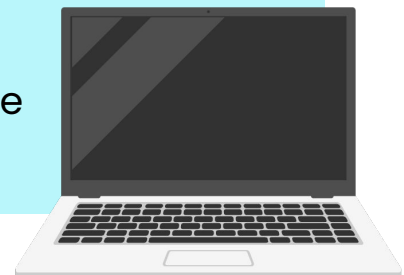
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The next picture is a picture of a powerful owl playing hide and seek.

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