



THE EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL

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- The Eurasian eagle-owl was first described by the Swedish naturalist Carl Linnaeus in 1758. It is a member of the horned owl genus *Bubo* which includes the eagle-owls, the horned owls, the fish owls and the snowy owl.



- The Eurasian eagle-owl is a very large bird, smaller than the golden eagle but larger than the snowy owl. The Eurasian eagle-owl has a wingspan of 160–188 cm. Females weigh 1.75–4.2 kg and males weigh 1.5–3 kg. The tail measures 23–31 cm long, the body measures 7.4–8.8 cm and the beak is 4.2–5.8 cm.



- Eurasian eagle-owls are distributed seldom through rocky areas. They are often found in the largest numbers in areas where cliffs are surrounded by a scattering of trees and bushes. Taiga, rocky coast lines, steppe and grasslands, may also be visited, largely while hunting. Their territories cover on average about 42.5 square km. They can also be found at sea level and on islands.



- The Eurasian eagle-owl is largely nightly in activity. It has a number of vocalizations that are used at different times. The song, which can be heard at great distance, is a deep resonant ooh-hu for the male, and a more high-pitched uh-hu for the female. These calls are repeated at intervals of up to a minute.



- The Eurasian eagle-owl can live for up to twenty years in the wild and have possibly survived up to 60 years in zoo collections.
- The leading causes of death for this species are man-made: electrocution, traffic accidents and shooting sometimes kill or wound it.



- The eagle-owl mainly feeds on small mammals in the 200–2,000 kg. weight such as rats, mice, rabbits and hares. When there is an opportunity, they will also hunting on reptiles, including large and poisonous snakes, frogs, fish and even large insects and earthworms.



- The population trend is thought to be decreasing because of human persecution, but with such a large range and large total population, the International Union for Conservation of Nature has rated the bird as being of "least concern".



THANKS FOR WATCHING!

