

Forest Owlet

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Forest Owlet Latest News

Recently, in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh forest owl has been spotted 113 years after it was last seen.

About Forest Owlet

- It is a member of the **typical owl family, Strigidae**.
- It was first described in 1873. As it was not sighted after 1884, it was considered extinct for many years. In 1997, it was rediscovered.
- **Habitat:** It is mainly found in **tropical and subtropical moist lowland woods**, dense deciduous woodlands, open dry deciduous teak woods, and tropical and subtropical dry forests.
- **Distribution**

- It is endemic to the **forests of central India**.
- It was observed in **Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra**, and Gujarat, and at a few locations in the Melghat Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra.
- **Features of Forest Owlet**
 - It is a typical owlet with a rather unspotted crown, presence of full throat collar, thickly feathered legs, heavily banded wings, and a tail.
 - These **birds are diurnal** and have been observed to hunt during the day.
 - They **eat rodents**, reptiles such as lizards and skinks, and insects.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN Red List:** Endangered
 - **CITES:** Appendix I

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