

Dusky Eagle Owl

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Recently, a pair of rare dusky eagle owls has been sighted in the Phato tourism zone of the Terai West forest division, adjacent to the Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand after 15 years.

About Dusky Eagle Owl

- It is an owl species in the **family Strigidae**.
- **Appearance:** It is a large greyish-brown owl with **prominent ear tufts**. Its underparts are greyish white with some dark brown streaks, and its dark brown wings have some whitish streaks.
- **Habitat:** The dusky eagle owl typically inhabits **thick riverside forests and old-growth trees**, preying on small mammals and birds.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in **Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh to Myanmar**, Thailand, Malaysia into China.
- **Features of Dusky Eagle Owl**
 - **Size:** About 48-53 cms. The **females are larger than males**.

- It usually spends the daytime in the seclusion of a shady bough or foliage, becoming **active about an hour before sunset.**
- The dusky eagle owl is a powerful bird, often **active by day in cloudy weather.**
- It has powerful feet and strong flight making **them effective hunters.**
- It **tends to use old stick nests built** by other birds in which to lay its eggs. It might use nests built by other raptors, such as kites, vultures or eagles.

- **Conservation Status: IUCN Red List:** Least Concern

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