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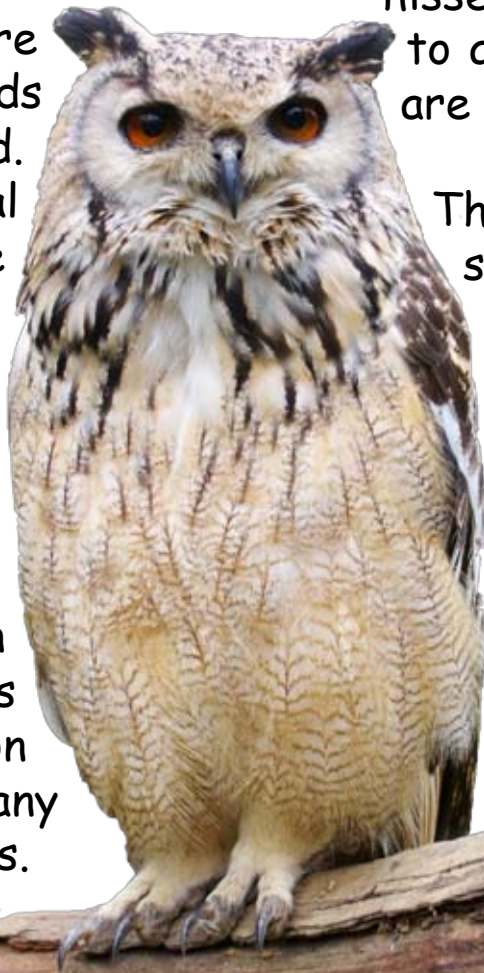
A number of rituals involving the capture and killing of these birds have been recorded. A popular ritual suggested that if the bird is starved for a few days and beaten, it would speak like a human, predicting the future of the tormentor or bringing them wealth. Belief in these superstitions has led to the persecution of the species in many areas by tribal hunters.

BENGAL EAGLE OWL

a.k.a. Rock Eagle Owl

Bubo bengalensis

The chicks are born completely white. In the nest young birds produce clicks, hisses and open up their wings to appear larger than they are to warn off predators.



The nest is usually a shallow scrape on bare earth on rocky ledges, although they sometimes nest on the ground under a bush, or between rocks on a slope.

FACTS & FIGURES

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| Where found | India; Nepal; Pakistan |
| Habitat | Hilly and rocky scrub forests |
| Diet | Mainly small rodents, also birds and reptiles. |
| Average height | 50-57cm |
| Average weight | 1000 - 1300g |
| Average wingspan | 360 - 430cm |
| Number of eggs | 2-5 eggs |
| Incubation | 32-36 days |
| Lifespan | Up to 50 years |

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for the Bengal Eagle Owl

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