## WESTERN BURROWING OWL

Athene cunicularia hypugaea

## **FUN FACTS**

- The Brandywine Zoo's burrowing owls, Dori and Oz, were hatched at the Sacramento Zoo and the Living Coast Discovery Center (CA).
- Cowboys sometimes called these owls "howdy birds" because they seemed to nod in greeting from their burrows in prairie-dog towns.
- •The burrowing owl is not nocturnal like most other species of owls.

## THREATS & CONSERVATION

While officially listed as Least Concern, Burrowing Owls are Endangered in Canada and Threatened in Mexico. They are considered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be a Bird of Conservation Concern nationally. They are Endangered in Minnesota, Threatened in Colorado, and a Species of Concern in AZ, CA, FL, MN, OK, OR, UT, WA, and WY.





**class** bird

**biome** open grassland

**diet** carnivore

body temp endotherm















**biorhythm** *diurnal* 

**birth** oviparous

interaction social

**habitat** *terrestrial*