

**WESTERN BURROWING OWL
(ATHENE CUNICULARIA HYPUGEA)**

DFG: Species of Special Concern



Description

Burrowing owls are small owls, about 9.5 inches (24 cm) in total length, with long bare legs, no ear tufts, and a small facial disk. Adults are a dusty brown with white markings on the belly and a prominent white chin stripe.

Habitat

Burrowing owls nest underground in abandoned ground squirrel or badger burrows, or in man-made "burrows" such as culverts and pipes. They generally inhabit dry, open grasslands

Range/distribution

They are found in Fresno, Madera, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties.

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