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The Burrowing Owlcam Story



Update Late March 2010

The female burrowing owl may have gone under to get serious and start laying eggs. If that is the case sometime in the next 3-4 weeks owlets will hatch and emerge a few weeks afterwards. Spread the word and keep an eye on the owls by sharing the cam address.

Burrowing owls are a charismatic species favored among many wildlife watchers. Because of their relative tolerance of altered habitat and human presence, they can persist where other species have been lost.



The Tri-Cities have been growing at a rapid pace for several years. In population growth, Franklin County was #1 and Benton County was #3 in Washington from 1 April 2000 through 1 April 2003. As a result of this rapid growth, the shrub steppe habitat that burrowing owls and other wildlife depend upon has been lost, degraded or fragmented.

WDFW biologists have been working with researchers, city and county planners, and the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society to slow the rate of loss of existing burrows within the urban growth zone. Despite this effort, each year new subdivisions and shopping centers compete for land occupied by burrowing owls. WDFW and its partners hope that this Internet web page and camera project will inspire the local community and others to develop growth management practices that promote burrowing owls and other wildlife within urban areas.



There are numerous web links included on this page to point readers to interesting information found elsewhere on the web. More importantly, especially for residents of the Tri-Cities, this page functions as a conduit to local shrub steppe conservation and education efforts. Individuals, local government officials, private development companies, educators and others are encouraged to contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at 509-545-2201 to learn how they can help conserve burrowing owls and other wildlife in the Tri-Cities area.

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Barn Owls

- [10 Second Image Update \(DIAL-UP\)](#)

Burrowing Owls

- [Streaming Video \(BROADBAND\)](#)
- [10 Second Image Update \(DIAL-UP\)](#)

Owlcams Info

- [Barn Owl](#)
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Want to Learn More?

Barn Owls

- [Barn Owl Fact Sheet and Information](#)

Burrowing Owls

- [NA Distribution Map](#)
- [Natural History](#)
- [Conservation Status](#)
- [Tri-Cities and Moses Lake Burrowing Owl Research Project](#)
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Related Links

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- [The Birdhouse Network - Nest Box Cams](#)
- [Wildlife Search - Owl Information](#)
- [The Owl Pages - Links to Owl Cam Pages](#)
- [Owl Facts - Conservation Commission of the State Missouri](#)
- [Barn Owl \(Tyto alba\) - Breeding www.owls.org](#)
- [Barn Owl Headquarters](#)
- [Birds of Prey Assist Farmers University of California](#)

Burrowing Owls

- [Peek into burrowing birds' lives with OwlCam - Tri-City Herald](#)
- [Burrowing Owl \[Speotyto cunicularia\] Links](#)
- [Hands On The Land Program](#)
- [Hanford Reach National Monument](#)
- [Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology \(CREHST\)](#)

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