

Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk

Species at risk profile: Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

What it looks and sounds like:

A medium-sized slender owl (up to 37 cm tall) with a distinctive, heart-shaped face, white and brown speckled body and relatively long wings. Its call is a [screech and high-pitched tweets](#). [Click here for more identification details.](#)

Where it lives:

It can be seen flying over low elevation fields, pastures and roadsides at dusk. Trees, barns, old buildings, or other covered structures are used for nesting and roosting. [Visit this map for location details.](#)

What it eats:

A predator that mostly hunts rodents, particularly voles.

What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?

Loss of nesting sites and habitat. Rodenticide poisoning.

Did you know?

- Scientific name means 'white owl'.
- An environmentally friendly form of pest control in agricultural areas.
- Will use human-made nest boxes.
- Click [here](#) to learn more.

How you can help:

Avoid the use of rodenticides.

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice and to see if a nest box would be suitable on your property.

See or hear a Barn Owl? – take a photo or sound recording, note the location, and send it to outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca.

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).