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The barn owl (*Tyto alba*) is the most widely distributed species of owl and one of the most widespread of all birds. Barn owls specialise in hunting animals on the ground and nearly all of their food consists of small mammals which they locate by sound, their hearing being very acute. Barn owls can be found in most places of Telangana. Since they are nocturnal very less photographic records exist.

Indian Scops Owl

The Indian scops owl (*Otus bakkamoena*) is a resident species of owl found in the southern regions of Asia from eastern Arabia through the Indian Subcontinent, except the far north, east across much of Southeast Asia to Indonesia. The Indian scops owl is a common resident bird in forests and other well-wooded areas. It nests in a hole in a tree, laying 3–5 eggs. The Indian scops owl is a small (23–25 cm) owl, although it is one of the largest of the scops owls. Indian Scops owl is a rare sighting in Telangana, Records and photographs exist from Amrabad Reserve and inside Hyderabad. Conservational Status: Least Concern

Oriental Scops Owl

The oriental scops owl (*Otus sunia*) is a species of scops owl found in eastern and southern Asia. They are found in dry deciduous forests. They are usually detected by their distinctive call. Very few Records and photographs of Oriental scops owl exists from Telangana. Observed in Amrabad Reserve zone. Conservational Status: Least Concern

Rock eagle-Owl

The Indian eagle-owl, also called the rock eagle-owl or Bengal eagle-owl (*Bubo bengalensis*), is a species of large horned owl restricted to the Indian Subcontinent. Indian Eagle owl is available across Telangana can be usually seen in rocky areas around Hyderabad. Conservational Status : Least Concerned

Brown Fish Owl

The Brown Fish Owl is semi-diurnal, roosting in large trees during the daytime and leaving well before sunset. They can often be seen in daylight, sometimes hunting, especially on cloudy days. Brown fish owl is common in forests of Telangana, They have been well photographed and reported from Anantagiri, Amrabad and Kawal wildlife zones. Conservational Status: Least concerned

