

The Burrowing Owl - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

On the prairies there aren't many trees or cliffs for nesting. That doesn't bother the burrowing owl.

[A Burrowing owl getting its head out of the nest]

This small bird of prey makes its home underground in burrows abandoned by other animals. When winter comes, it flies south to Texas and Mexico.

Sadly, many burrowing owls will die before they can migrate, and many will never come back.

[Host walking in a museum with skeletons around]

Loss of native grassland, pesticide use, and traffic have all taken a toll. Today, the burrowing owl is a species at risk.

Researchers and landowners are working together to protect grasslands and burrowing animals. They want to make sure that this isn't the only place where future generations will get a chance to see the burrowing owl up close. And that's just a start.

[Host showing stuff burrowing owl]

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