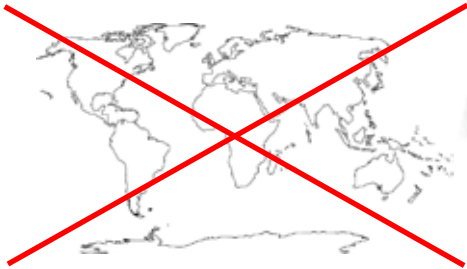


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EXTINCT IN THE WILD

There are now only 23 individuals in zoos across Europe, 7 of these have hatched here since 2011!

Pip and Rohan here are currently the only breeding pair in the UK.



Left: 4 week old Turkmenian eagle owlet.

TURKMENIAN EAGLE OWL

Bubo bubo turcomanus



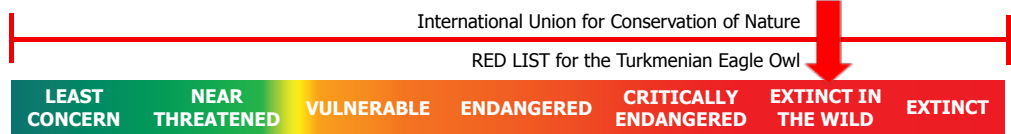
Proud dad Pip, himself bred here in 1989

A sub-species of the European Eagle Owl, the largest species of owl in the world.

Although they usually hunt smaller mammals they can catch animals the size of a fox or small deer. Its sharp talons are capable of crushing with over 200 pounds of pressure per square inch!

They scrape out a nest at the bottom of an old tree or rock crevice, the female then incubates the eggs alone. Ours nest in the cave towards the back of the aviary.

FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	Only in captivity. Originally Turkmenistan, Northern Iraq and Pakistan.
Diet	Mainly small mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.
Average height	60-75 cm
Average weight	1.5 - 4.5 kg
Average wingspan	5 foot
Number of eggs	1-5
Incubation	32-35 days
Lifespan	60 years (in captivity)



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