Montana's Uncommon Critters!

Burrowing Owl

These are the strangest owls you'll ever see. They live in underground tunnels on prairies, not in trees in forests. They are out during the day rather than at night, like other owls. They can turn their heads almost upside down. They have a short, fat body on skinny legs. And they make a goofy bobbing motion with their body. The burrowing owl is about the size of a robin. It hangs around prairie dog towns, using the burrows dug by prairie dogs. These owls mainly eat insects. The biggest threat is the loss of grasslands and the prairie dog colonies where these owls live.

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