

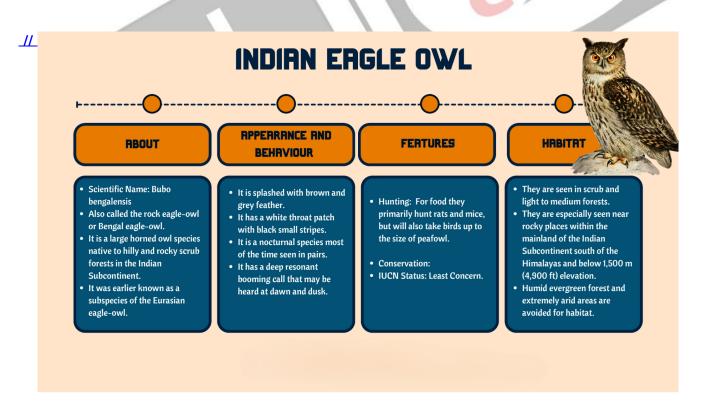
## **US to Kill Barred Owls**

## **Source: HT**

Recently, US wildlife officials have decided to kill **Barred Owls** (*Strix varia*) to help save the declining **Spotted Owl** (*Strix Occidentalis*) populations in the US.

- Under this plan, trained professionals and landowners will be allowed to shoot the barred owls. However, public hunting of barred owls will not be allowed.
- Barred owls are native to North America. They look similar to spotted owls.
- Barred owls are larger, more aggressive, and can readily adapt to their broad diet.
  - Their invasion of the west of the US has put a heavy strain on the spotted owl, decreasing their populations by up to **65 to 85%** between 1995 and 2017 in some areas.
  - Killing would also help other species that they've been preying on such as salamanders and crayfish.

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	Barred Owls	Spotted Owl
<b>IUCN Status</b>	Least Concerned	Near Threatened
Habitat	Woodlands, wooded river bottoms, wooded	Mature forests of British Columbia
	swamps in North America	and Washington.



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