



Guara Somontano Incógnito

Saso Alto Route

Eagle Owl

Bubo bubo



Route information



Circular

Peralta de Alcofea

3 h

15 m

KM 11,4



Length: 57-55 cm
Wingspan: 140-188 cm



In some cultures, the eagle owl has been considered a symbol of wisdom and knowledge.



The eagle owl is the largest bird among European nocturnal raptors. Its plumage is brown with dark spots and lighter tones on the chest. It is easily identifiable due to its large size, the two tufts of feathers on its head resembling ears, and its striking, intense orange eyes.

It is an extraordinary predator capable of feeding on a wide variety of prey: rabbits, rodents, crows, waterfowl, hedgehogs... and even other smaller raptors or cats!

It inhabits mountainous areas, open forests, cliffs, and rocky regions. It seeks elevated locations for nesting, preferably in ravines and escarpments that can keep predators at bay.



Its call is deep and resonant, and it is usually heard at dusk or dawn to mark territory and communicate with each other.



Although it is not endangered, the eagle owl is a species vulnerable to power lines and habitat loss due to pesticide use.

Did you know? Thanks to its 14 cervical vertebrae (humans have 7) and the adaptations in its circulatory system in the neck, it is able to turn its head 270° without cutting off the blood supply to the brain.



Recommended time: Winter and early spring are good times to spot it, as it becomes more active during the mating season.

Camouflage: Use neutral colors and avoid sudden movements.

Recommended equipment: Long-range telephoto lens (at least 300mm), preferably with a large aperture.

Shutter speed: Try to keep it fast (at least 1/250 s or faster).

Silent mode: If your camera allows, enable this function to avoid sounds that could scare it off.

Keep your distance: Use the telephoto lens to avoid interfering with its natural behavior.

Do not use flash: It can disturb the owl and alter its behavior.

