



Burrowing owl

(Athene cunicularia)

This small, long-legged, brown and white owl can be found nesting in close association with prairie dogs. It inhabits deserted burrows and can be seen bobbing up and down as it sits perched on prairie dog mounds. Young owls in a burrow have the ability to mimic a rattlesnake when frightened. Because of habitat disturbances the burrowing owl is on the "Utah Birds of Special Concern List."