

- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Wood Owl found in India
- To know more on these birds you can visit <http://ogaclicks.com/owl/>
- If you are interested in coming on any of my tours or workshops please share your email id. I will keep you updated
- Mail me at [ogaclicks@gmail.com](mailto:ogaclicks@gmail.com)
- Follow me on Instagram : **ogajanak**
- You can also call me on (91)9840119078 ,  
(91) 9445219078  
(91) 6369815812

# List of Wood Owl found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
2	Himalayan Wood Owl	<i>Strix nivicola</i>
3	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>
4	Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>

# Brown Wood Owl identification Tips

**Brown Wood Owl : *Strix leptogrammica***: Resident of Himalayas, Eastern Ghats , Western Ghats & North East India

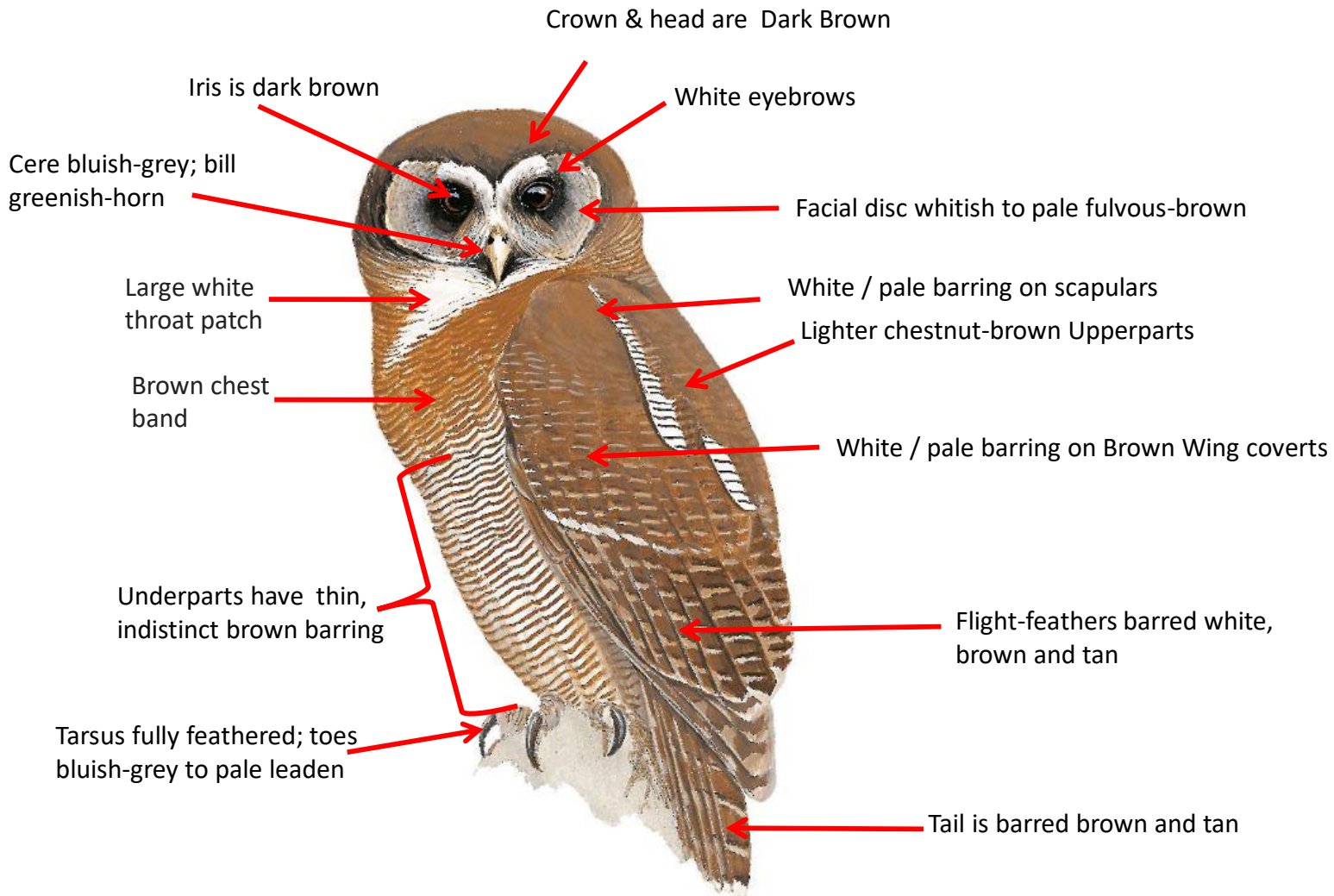


## Distribution



***S. l. newarensis* - Resident of Himalayas from Jammu and Kashmir East to North East India**

***S. l. indranei* – Resident of Peninsular India**



Dark rufous facial disc

Strong White on Brown Wing coverts

Lacks Breast Band

Underparts have thin, indistinct Whitish brown barring

**Both the sexes similar**

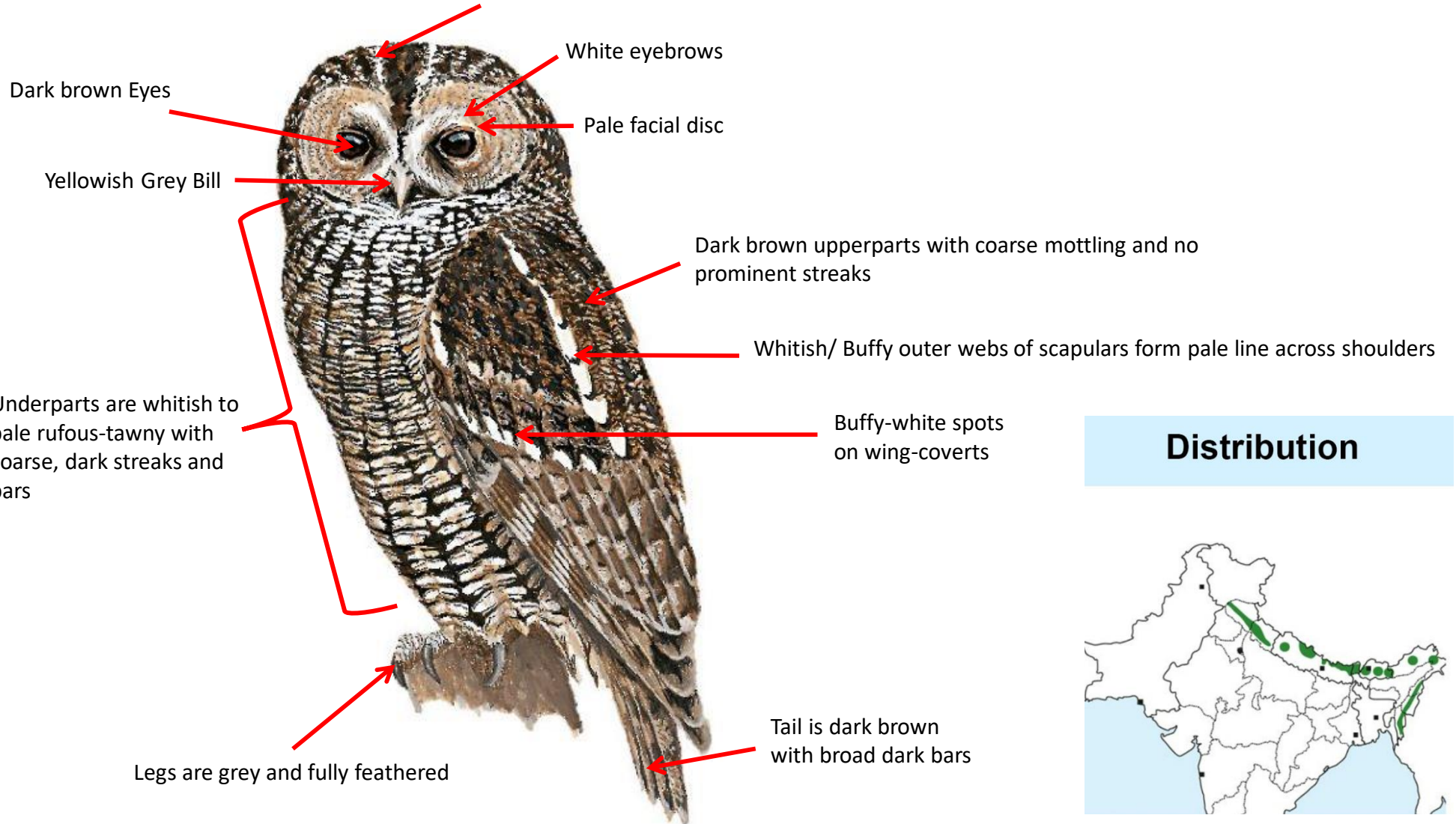
**Important id point**

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**  
**Inskipp and Grimmett**  
**www.HBW.com**

# Himalayan Wood Owl identification Tips

Himalayan Wood Owl : *Strix nivicola* : Resident Of Himalayas & North East India

Crown & head are dark Brown with coarse mottling and no prominent streaks



## Distribution



Both the sexes similar

Important id point

Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
Inskipp and Grimmett  
[www.HBW.com](http://www.HBW.com)

# Mottled Wood Owl identification Tips

**Mottled Wood Owl : *Strix ocellata* :** Widespread Resident in India

Crown & head are grey, mottled and vermiculated with reddish-brown, black, white and buff

Irides dark brown

Cere and bill horn-black

Throat chestnut and black with white stippling

Underparts are white to golden with narrow blackish cross-bars

Tarsus feathered buffish; toes brownish-flesh or dirty yellowish-brown

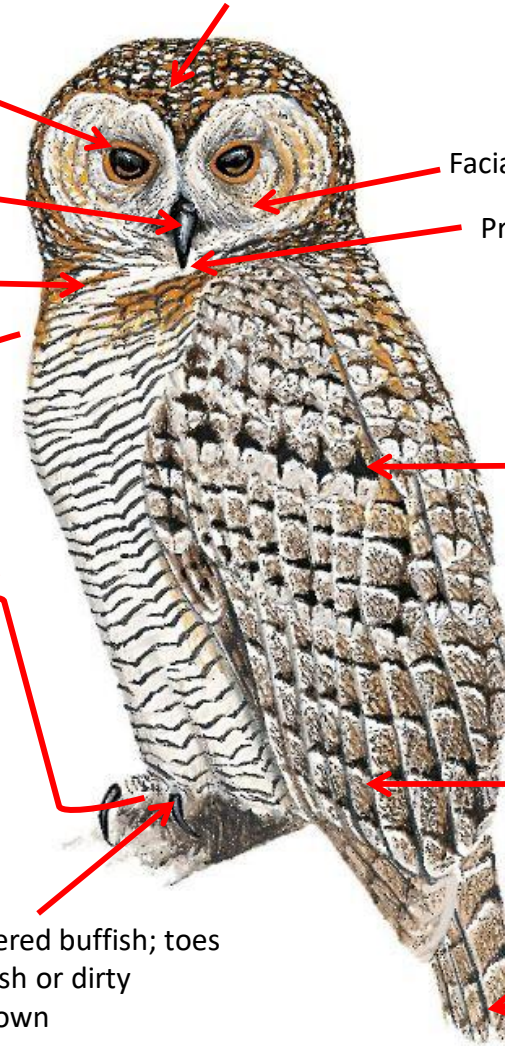
Facial disc white with concentric black barring , and some rufous-orange mottling

Prominent white collar on neck side

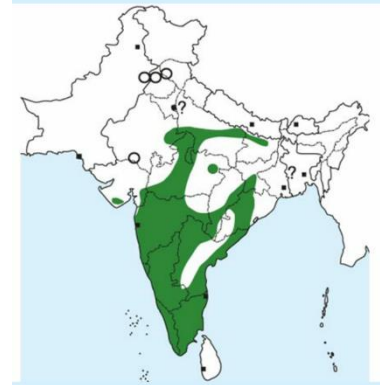
Upperparts are grey, mottled and vermiculated with reddish-brown, black, white and buff

Flight Feathers barred grey-brown and black

Tail is barred grey-brown and black



## Distribution



Both the sexes similar

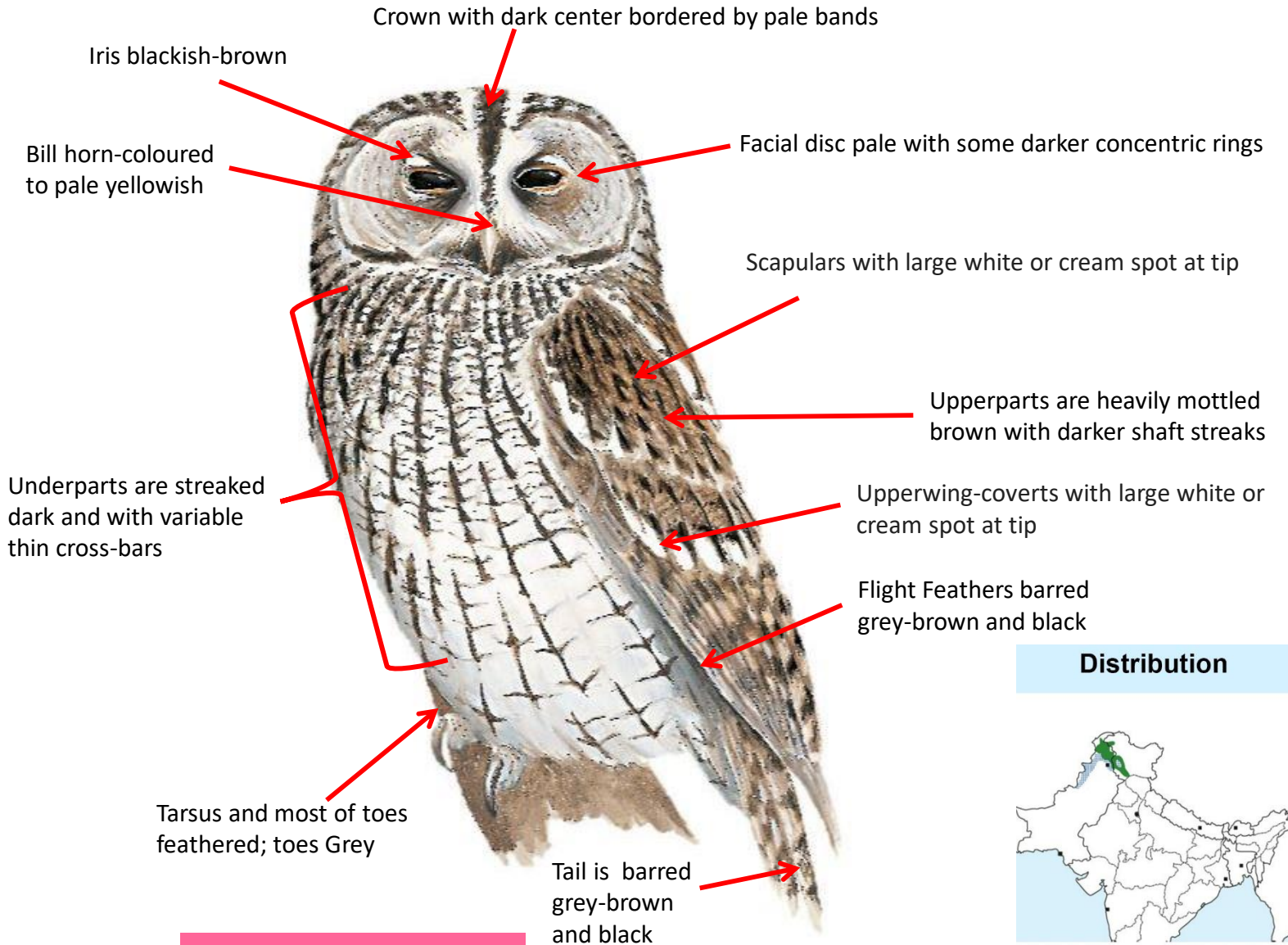
Important id point

©www.ogaclicks.com

Reference : **Birds of Indian Subcontinent**  
**Inskipp and Grimmett**  
**www.HBW.com**

# Tawny Wood Owl identification Tips

Tawny Wood Owl : *Strix aluco* : Resident Of North Himalayas in India ( Kashmir)



## Distribution



Both the sexes similar

Important id point

Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
Inskipp and Grimmett  
[www.HBW.com](http://www.HBW.com)