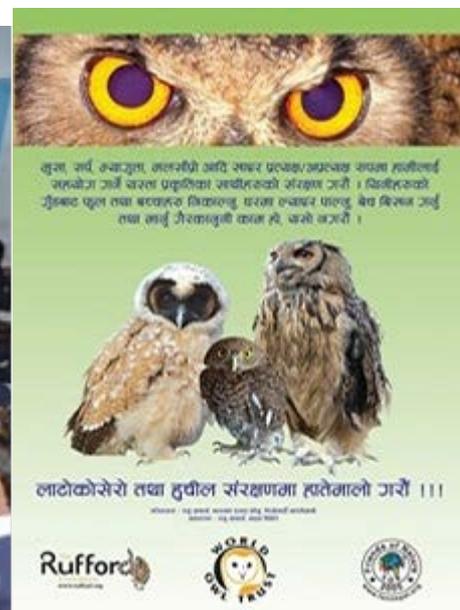


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Owl conservation awareness camps (81 units) for students were conducted in various parts of eastern Terai districts (lowlands) of Nepal. Students from 18 schools from seven districts participated actively in the camps and were provided information on different facets of life history, ecology, threats and the role of owls in the ecosystem. They were also motivated to contribute towards owl conservation. Similar effort will be put in the western lowland districts of the country in the coming months. A total 1000 brochures and 500 posters have been designed, consulted and printed to distribute in all the lowland districts of Nepal. The distribution process is already underway. Four episodes of radio programme have already been aired from Gorkha FM in Kathmandu district, Koshi FM in Morang district, Indreni FM in Dang district and Shreenagar FM in Palpa district. These FM stations covered the low land districts of Nepal as well as Kathmandu which is the largest and the most populous city circulating the information regarding owl conservation to the most number of people possible. The radio programme has highlighted research, conservation issues of owls in Nepal and also incorporated the views of the experts. The preparation for the conservation workshop is in progress and will be conducted at three locations of the country.



Left: Owl conservation camps at schools. Right: Owl conservation poster.