



## Protecting Wildlife

Every Wednesday, trained Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife members perform maintenance on burrowing owl burrows located throughout the city. Armed with city maps, weed wackers, safety equipment, and lots of enthusiasm, these dedicated volunteers repair, clean, and trim high weeds around, existing burrows, and install PVC pipes and perches on newly found burrows. They also obtain GPS coordinates for every known burrow and submit this information to the City of Cape Coral to be put in the city data base.



## CAPE CORAL FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE Protection Preservation Education

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to preserve and enhance the habitats of protected wildlife species and to educate the community about Cape Coral's wildlife resources.

Our **Burrowing Owl Wildlife and Environmental Expo** in late February draws thousands of people.

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# Adopt A Cape Coral Burrowing Owl



Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife

*Preserving Wildlife Together*

# Adopt a Burrowing Owl

Please complete this form and mail to: CCFW,  
P.O. Box 152761, Cape Coral, FL33915

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Select your level of adoption

**Advocate.....\$25.00**

Burrowing Owl Pin and  
Adoption Certificate

**Defender.....\$50.00**

Burrowing Owl Magnet, Owl Pin, and  
Adoption Certificate

**Ambassador .....\$100.00**

Burrowing Owl T-shirt, Child's Owl Book,  
Magnet, Pin, and Adoption Certificate

**Champion.....\$500.00**

All of the above plus a personal guided tour  
of Burrowing Owls in Cape Coral

**Benefactor.....\$10,000.00**

(Buy an owl lot and ensure future habitat)

Enclose your check made payable to

***Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife***

To pay by credit card go to

***ccfriendsofwildlife.org***

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IN CONSIDERATION OF MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE CAPE CORAL FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE BURROWING OWL ADOPTION PROGRAM, APPLICATION I WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL CLAIMS I OR MY DEPENDENTS MAY HAVE AGAINST THE CITY OF CAPE CORAL AND THE CAPE CORAL FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.



## THE BURROWING OWL

The official city bird of Cape Coral, the burrowing owl attracts visitors from near and far. One of the smallest owl species, they are remarkable in that they are the only owl that lives in burrows. They can have classic yellow eyes, amber eyes, or black eyes. Their plumage is dashed in multiple shades of brown, helping them to effectively blend into their environment and avoid predation.

The Florida Burrowing Owl is classified as State Threatened by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

## Viewing Etiquette

The City of Cape Coral has the largest population of burrowing owls in Florida. To help protect this threatened species, state and federal laws prohibit all forms of harassment. This includes trying to capture them, offering food items of any kind, or more usually getting so close that their normal behavior is compromised, especially during nesting season, which runs February 15th through July 10th. Although the owls may appear content or tolerant of your presence, if you are too close, they may be afraid to leave the nest area to hunt for food for their young. If owls start bobbing their heads, it is an indication that they feel threatened. Always stay at least 20 feet away and do not stay long. The cumulative effect of too many people, too close, for too long, could be devastating to the young. Contact the City of Cape Coral at [wildlife@capecoral.net](mailto:wildlife@capecoral.net) to request a map of recommended burrowing owl viewing locations. Immediately report harassment of a burrowing owl by calling the Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife Hotline at 239-980-2593, or Cape Coral Code Enforcement at 239-574-0613.