

雨中育雛的黃魚鴞

Feeding the fledglings in the rain

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黃魚鴞為世界7種魚鴞中,臺灣唯一的一種魚鴞,是國內體型最大的貓頭鷹,體長約61公分,除本島族群外,也分布在喜馬拉雅山麓、中南半島北部、中國大陸中部及東南省份等地,但族群數量在亞洲各地皆相當稀少。在行政院農業委員會出版的《臺灣地區保育類野生動物圖鑑》一書指出,黃魚鴞在臺灣地區主要分布在全島各地中低海拔的山地近水域處,依現有記錄估計全台少於100隻,因族群稀少,加上開發活動、盜獵威脅及環境汙染等問題,而被列為珍貴稀有的二級保育類野生動物。

2009年,屏東科技大學野生動物保育學系孫元勳教授及研究助理成功繫放黃魚鴞後,以無線電追蹤到了黃魚 鴞雌鳥的蹤跡,2010年4月更一步記錄到此隻雌鳥的育雛過程。

為了拍攝難得的育雛過程,研究人員蹲在雜亂的樹林內,終日與雌鳥無言相望著。而母鳥守護雛鳥的本性更是令人動容,不管雨再大、日頭再曬,母鳥依然抓各種食物回巢哺育雛鳥,也因而讓研究人員記錄下了許多珍貴的畫面。

Among the world's seven species of fish owls, the Tawny Fish Owl is the only one that inhabits in Taiwan. Measuring about 61 cm in length, the Owl is also the largest owl on the island. In addition to Taiwan, a small number of them are also present in central and southern China and the rest of Asia. According to the book "Protected Species of Taiwan Area," the Owls are distributed throughout the low-lying areas close to the waters. At present the estimated population of the species on the island stands at less than 100. Human activities such as economic development, poaching and pollution are all factors behind the species' inclusion as category II of the protected species.

In 2009, Professor Yuan-hsun Sun of NPUST and his research assistant banded a female tawny fish owl and tracked it by radio signals. Later in April 2010, the bird's behavior of nurturing the fledglings was also successfully recorded.

In order to record the process, the researchers had to squatted in wild woods keeping an eye on the owl all day long. What's similarly impressive was the love and perseverance the owl had shown in nurturing her young as she braved all that pouring rain and scorching sun only to bring food to feed the fledglings. And all these precious moments had been well recorded by the researchers.