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POWERFUL owls have been putting on an impressive performance in the area recently.

The powerful owl sighting at Woogaroo Creek comes as the latest Statewide Landcover and Trees Study (SLATS) for 2022 shows 323,676ha of bushland was cleared in Queensland. More than 65,776 hectares was remnant vegetation – a 22 percent increase on the previous clearing data.

The bush is now being bulldozed ten times faster than new forests can regrow. The owls are a species native to south-eastern and eastern Australia and are the largest owl on the continent.

They need old growth tree hollows in which to breed.

It takes hundreds of years for trees to form hollows suitable enough for powerful owls to nest, and more than 50 percent of their habitable forests have been lost since European settlement.



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