



## 大眼嬌客——領角鴞

The Collared Scops Owl—A Greenie Bird

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近期全民加緊防疫，減少出遊，野外及生態景點少了些「人氣」，卻因此傳出野生動物頻繁露面的消息，令人驚喜連連，領角鴞便是其中之一，牠們有雙圓滾滾的大眼睛，虹膜為獨特的暗紅色，模樣煞是可愛。領角鴞的

生活圈與人類接近，牠們的獵捕能力非常好，可以幫忙捕捉田區的老鼠，因此有農民會製作巢箱放在田中，吸引牠們入住。有了領角鴞幫忙，農民便可停用滅鼠藥，為領角鴞、農民和環境帶來三贏局面。



The recent anti-pandemic restrictions imposed on movements of people have minimized outings to outdoor scenic sights. Surprisingly, this ban has led to more and more sightings of rare animals in the wild, like the collared scops owl.

This scops owl is a lovely bird with large round eyes and a dark

reddish iris. Living close to human settlements, it is good at capturing its prey, like rats in the paddy fields. Some farmers put out cages to attract the bird and enlist its help, thus saving spending on raticides and contributing to nature conservation.

