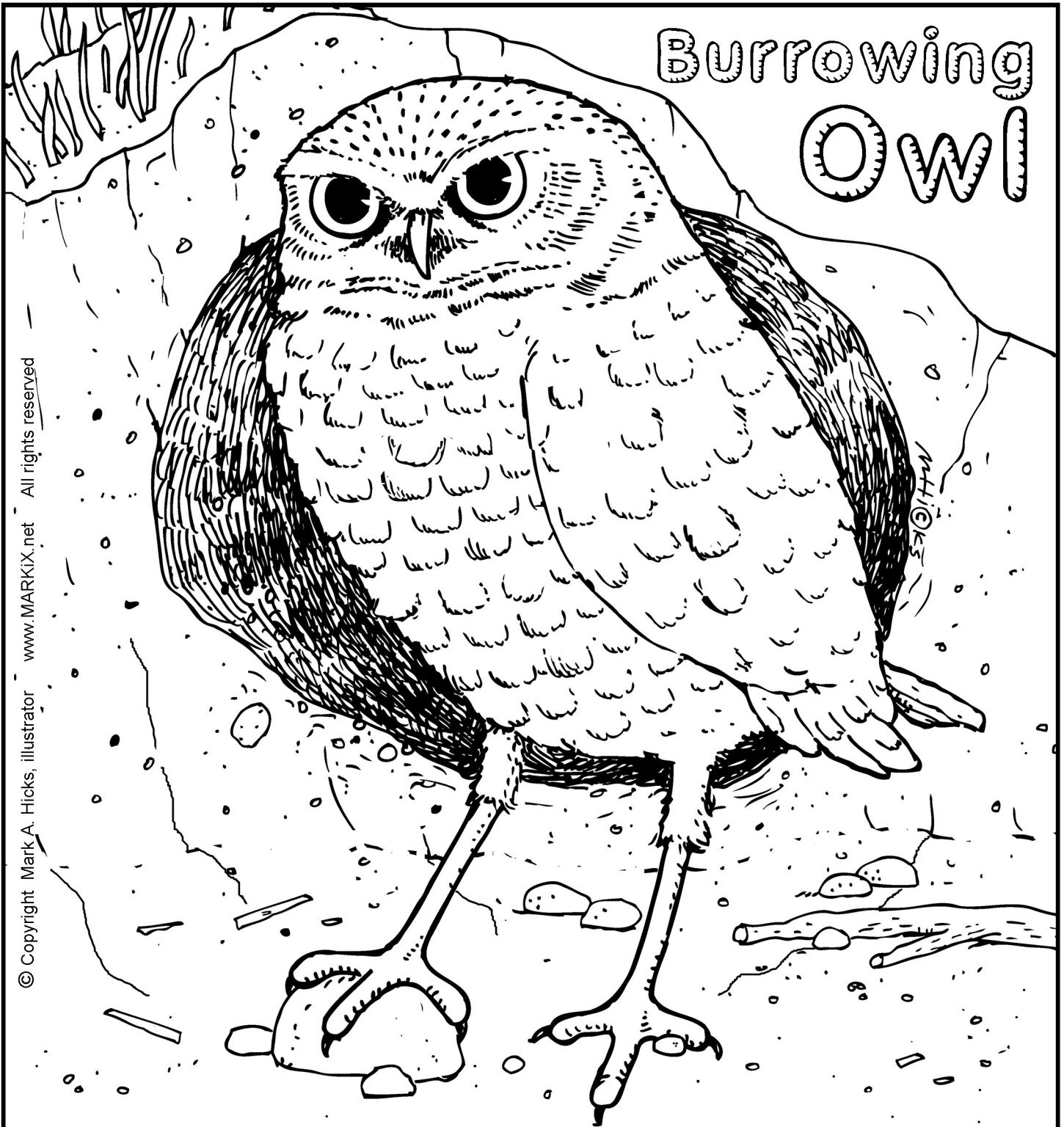


# Burrowing Owl



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Burrowing Owls are small brown and tan-spotted birds with long legs, short tails, and bright yellow eyes. They nest and roost in burrows, either in ones they dig themselves or in ones dug by other animals such as ground squirrels and prairie dogs. While most other owls are active during the night, burrowing owls are most active during the day. However, they try to avoid being out during the hottest part of the day.

Because burrowing owls bob up and down when their burrows are approached, cowboys of the Old West often called them "howdy birds."