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# Ghost-chariot Bird

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**Abstract** Legends of Nine-headed Bird had been known in China since ancient time. In popular imagination, it was seen as an evil bird with nine heads upon a single body. It was commonly called Ghost-chariot Bird . This article will not explore the cultural meaning of the creature. Through analyzing various accounts, this article has concluded that the Ghost-chariot Bird is actually a species of owl. Due to its nocturnal habits, it was seldom seen in real life, only its unusual screeches had been heard. After thousands of years of sights-unseen, its description had been altered beyond recognition.

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