

Help support our Reintroduction Program

The Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of BC needs your assistance to continue their Reintroduction Program. Your donation will allow us to:

- Raise and care for young owls and maintain necessary facilities
- Monitor and study the owls after they are released
- Locate new release sites for the owls and build nesting sites for reintroduced owls
- Support education and stewardship programs for grassland habitat protection

Please see the form on the back of this page to find out how you can donate



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Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of British Columbia

Help our dreams

for an endangered species



take flight



The Burrowing Owl ... a bird of prey

The Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) is a tiny bird of prey that makes its home in grasslands across North America. Unlike most owls, these inquisitive social birds live and breed in underground burrows usually built and abandoned by marmots or badgers.



dramatically reduced Burrowing Owl populations across Canada. Each year, the small population of released owls migrates as far south as California or Mexico. The following spring only a few return to British Columbia to raise their young. Scientists are studying why only a small number of released owls return for breeding each season. Each year The Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of BC works to increase the number of returning owls.

Burrowing Owls hunt small mammals and insects, and are vulnerable to predators such as coyotes and hawks. In addition habitat loss and degradation has



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Reintroduction Program

The Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of BC is working to re-establish self-sustaining populations of these intriguing birds of prey in our province. Our Program includes:



1 Breeding and raising healthy young owls in captivity until they are one year old.



2 Working together with landowners and government to study and select suitable release habitats.



3 Creating and maintaining a network of artificial burrows for the released owls (more than 800 have been built to date).



4 Releasing a yearly population of owls back to the wild.



Common Sagebrush
(*Artemisia tridentata*)



Bluebunch Wheatgrass
(*Agropyron spicatum*)



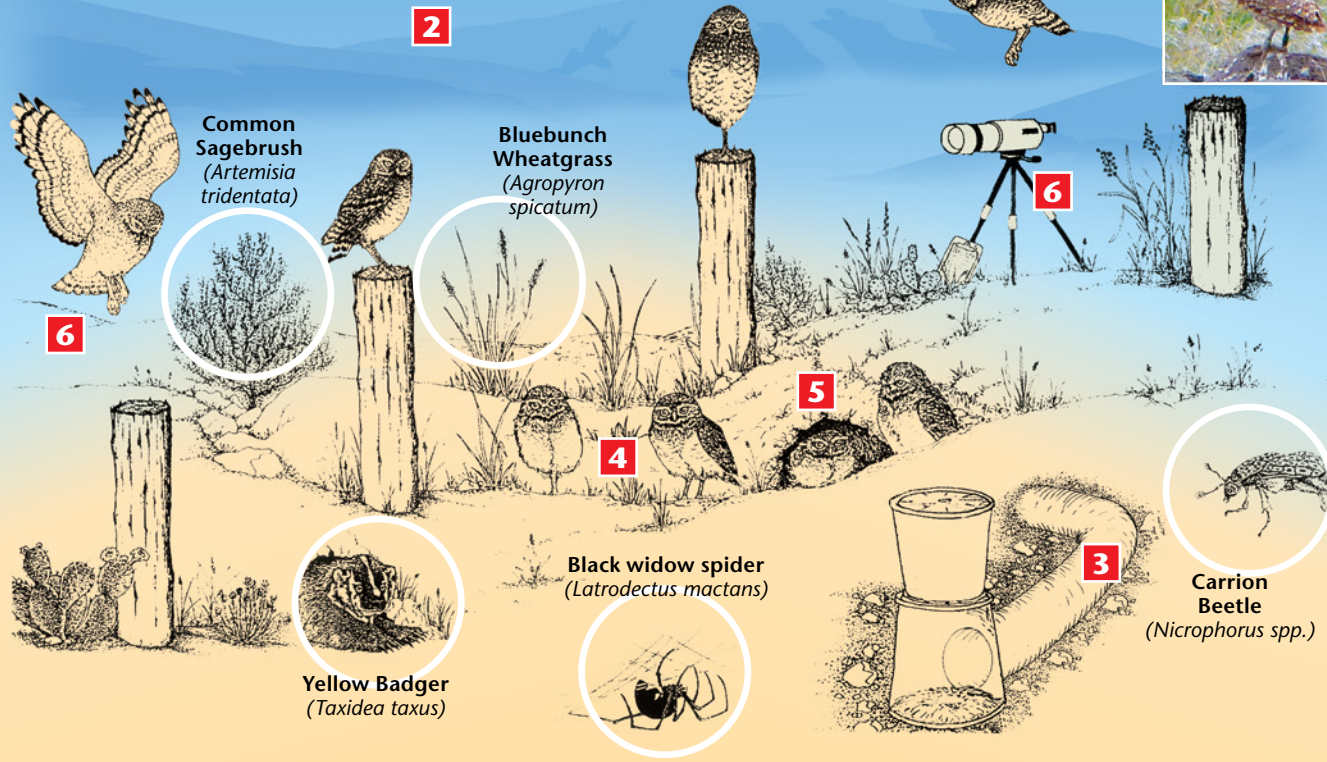
Yellow Badger
(*Taxidea taxus*)



Black widow spider
(*Latrodectus mactans*)



Carrion Beetle
(*Nicrophorus spp.*)



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5 Encouraging released owls to pair and breed – often with wild owls – to raise young in the wild.



6 Monitoring and studying released owls; banding the young; and tracking returning birds.



7 Conducting stewardship programs with local rangeland owners which encourage sustainable management practices and maintain the integrity of our grasslands.



8 Developing education and interpretation programs for the public and local resource users about Burrowing Owls and the conservation of grassland habitat.

SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA GRASSLANDS



The dry grasslands of British Columbia are one of the most endangered ecosystems, due mainly to human development. These habitats are home to a great diversity of plants and animals, including the Burrowing Owl. It is listed as a Species at Risk and virtually disappeared from BC in the 1980s. These small migratory birds of prey are now making a comeback, thanks to our Reintroduction Program. By managing the rich grasslands environment in a sustainable way for Burrowing Owls, many other species will also benefit.



BURROWING OWLS BY THE NUMBERS



1169
Burrowing Owls raised in captivity at the BC Wildlife Park and Port Kells and released into the wild since 1992.

1391
The number of wild-born juvenile owls banded owls to date.

21 years
The time that volunteers have been working tirelessly for Burrowing Owl recovery in BC.

8th month
August when adult Burrowing Owls molt. Out with the old, in with the new.

2 mice
The food required each day (or equivalent prey mass) for a juvenile owl to grow big and strong.

2600 miles
The distance that BC Burrowing Owls have migrated on their way south to San Diego, California.



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