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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES PERFORMANCE REPORT (July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994)

PROJECT TITLE:	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	PROJ. NO:	WE99R-3
STUDY TITLE:	RARE, THREATENED, & ENDANGERED BIRD CONSERVATION	STUDY NO:	IV
JOB TITLE:	BARN OWL	JOB NO:	VII
PERSONNEL:	dana bradshaw	COSTS: Total: Federal: State:	\$13,200 \$9,900 \$3,300

SUMMARY:

No intensive distribution and population work has been undertaken on this species since the official research project begun in 1989. Much work is being conducted through volunteer efforts, however, including erecting new nest boxes and monitoring the status of existing nest boxes. A small group of volunteers has been identified to lead a coordinated effort towards monitoring nest boxes for the coming fiscal year. Distribution maps and landowner information have been generated to facilitate this effort. Local power utilities have also responded favorably, with several providing useful information on barn owl sightings and nest locations.

OBJECTIVE A: To monitor and evaluate the utilization of erected nest boxes by barn owls.

FINDINGS:

Much work is being conducted through volunteer efforts, including erecting new nest boxes and monitoring the status of existing nest boxes. A small group of volunteers has been identified to lead a coordinated effort towards monitoring nest boxes for the coming fiscal year.

<u>OBJECTIVE B:</u> To provide technical assistance and management recommendations to appropriate agencies, institutions, private organizations, and the public.

FINDINGS:

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