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Barn Owl Nest Box Erection and Technical Assistance

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PERFORMANCE REPORT (July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993)

Project:	Nongame & Endangered Species Investigations	No:	WE99R-2
Study:	Bird Conservation	No:	IV-6
Job:	Barn Owl Nest Box Erection and Technical Assistance	No.	A,B

Personnel:	Dana Bradshaw, Karen Terwilliger, Rick Reynolds	<u>Costs</u>	
		Total:	\$12,200
		State:	\$ 3,050
		Fed'l:	\$ 9,150

Status/Recommendations: On schedule, continue study.

Summary:

No intensive distribution and population work has been undertaken on this species since our official research project in 1989; however much work is still being conducted through volunteer effort, 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 has been generated to facilitate this effort. Local power utilities have also responded favorably with several parties providing useful information on barn owl sightings and nest locations. Figure 1 shows counties in which nest boxes have been erected and the number of boxes.

Objective A: To monitor and evaluate use of erected nest boxes.

Findings:

No formal project is currently underway although a coalition of volunteers is expected to begin a status update next year. Sightings, observations, and compilation of the status survey results of the over sixty structures continues.

Objective B: To provide technical assistance and management recommendations to appropriate agencies, institutions, private organizations, landowners, and the public.

Findings

Technical assistance was provided on an as needed basis to private and public landowners in the form of environmental reviews and management recommendations. Numerous information brochures were sent out to private landowners interested in managing for this species.

