

# Reintroduction Program

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

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



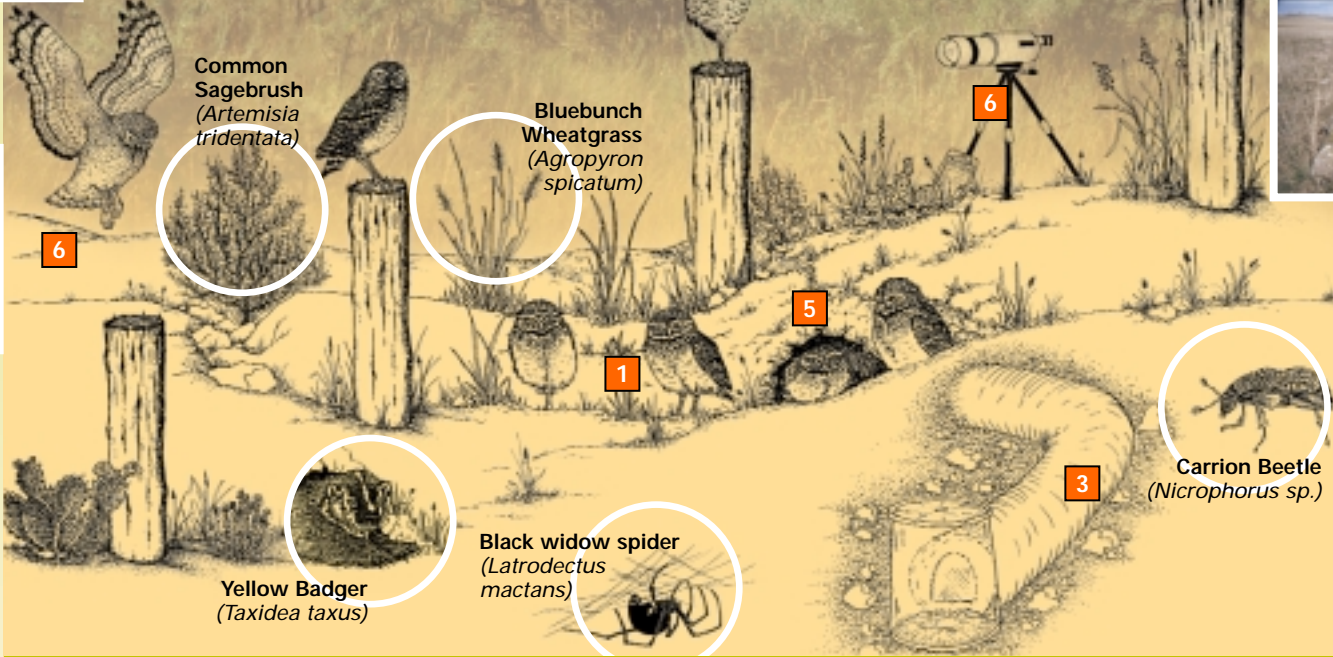
2. Working together with ranchers and government to study and select suitable release habitats.



3. Creating and maintaining a network of artificial burrows for the released owls (over 700 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 sp.*)

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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. Listed as an endangered species since 1980, these small migratory birds of prey are now making a comeback, thanks to our Reintroduction Program. By managing this rich environment in a sustainable way for Burrowing Owls, many other species will also benefit.



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



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



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



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

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# Reintroduction Program Support


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

- Raise and care for young owls and maintain appropriate facilities
- Identify new habitats and build nesting sites for reintroduced owls
- Monitor and Study the owls after release
- Support education and stewardship programs for grassland habitat protection

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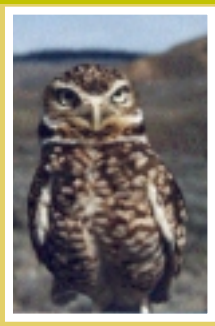
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# Burrowing Owl Conservation Society of British Columbia



# 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. Burrowing Owls hunt small mammals and insects, and are vulnerable to predators

such as coyotes and hawks. In addition habitat loss and degradation has 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 southern grasslands in British Columbia to raise their young. Scientists are studying why only a small number of released owls return for breeding each season.

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