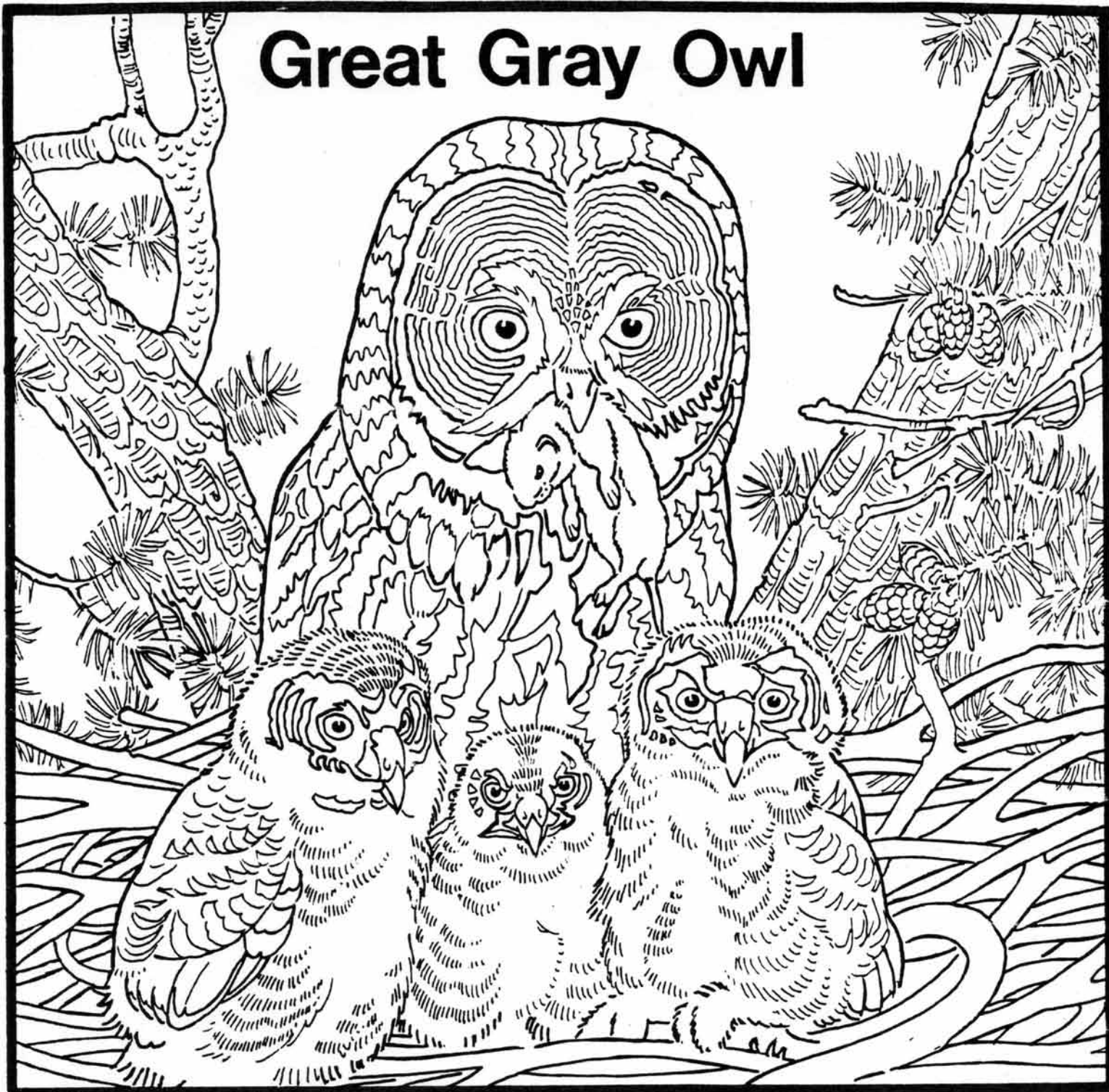


# Great Gray Owl



The largest of North American owls, the Great Gray Owl has a 1.3 metre (5 foot) wingspan. Great Gray Owls live in Manitoba year-round and are found throughout mixed wood and coniferous forests from the southeastern corner of the province, west to Riding Mountain National Park and north to the treeline.

Great Gray Owls feed primarily on mice and voles. When food is plentiful, female owls will lay three to five eggs in late March and early April. Incubation begins with the laying of

the first egg. As eggs are laid anywhere from one to three days apart, they hatch on different days. This is why young owls in a nest vary in size and age.

The Great Gray Owl is Manitoba's provincial bird emblem. Can you name Manitoba's flower and tree emblems? (See the answer below.)

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