

Manitoba's Owl Survey

Annual Report 2011



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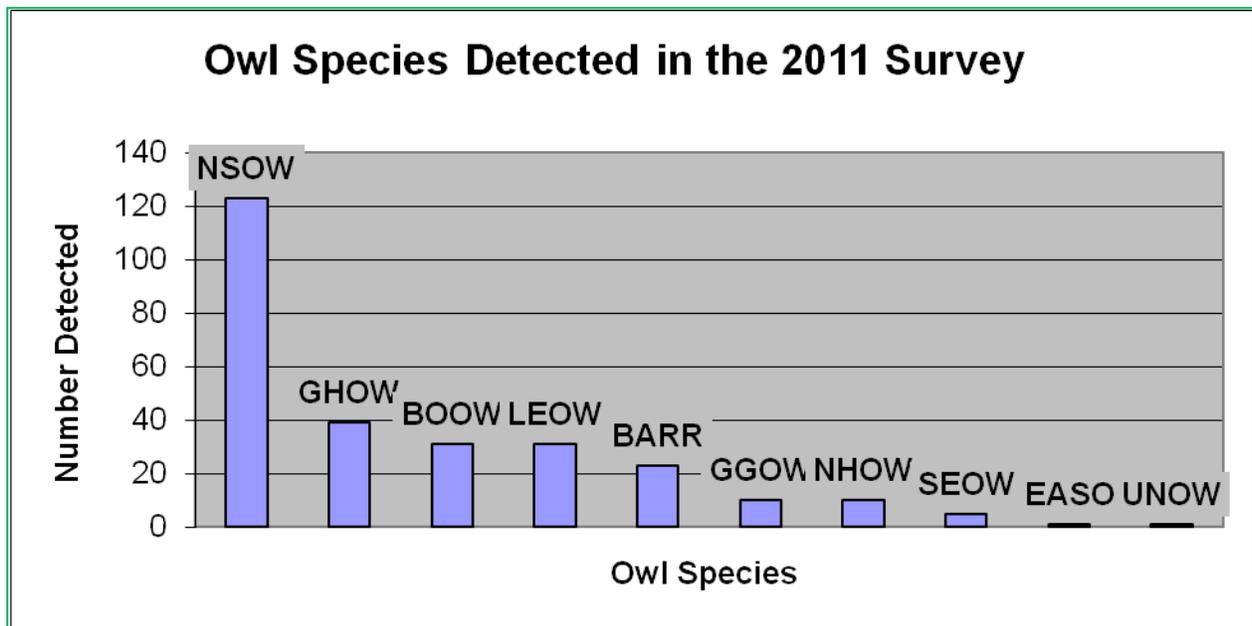
By James Duncan

While preparing this report I realized that some 2011 owl survey participants were not yet born when Patsy and I started it 21 years ago in 1991. This does not make me feel really old, rather I find this fact encouraging and rejuvenating! It seems that this small natural history outdoor volunteer monitoring activity, or "citizen science" as it is called today, continues to entice young folks to sign up. This is important because today's youth is the future of conservation in Manitoba.

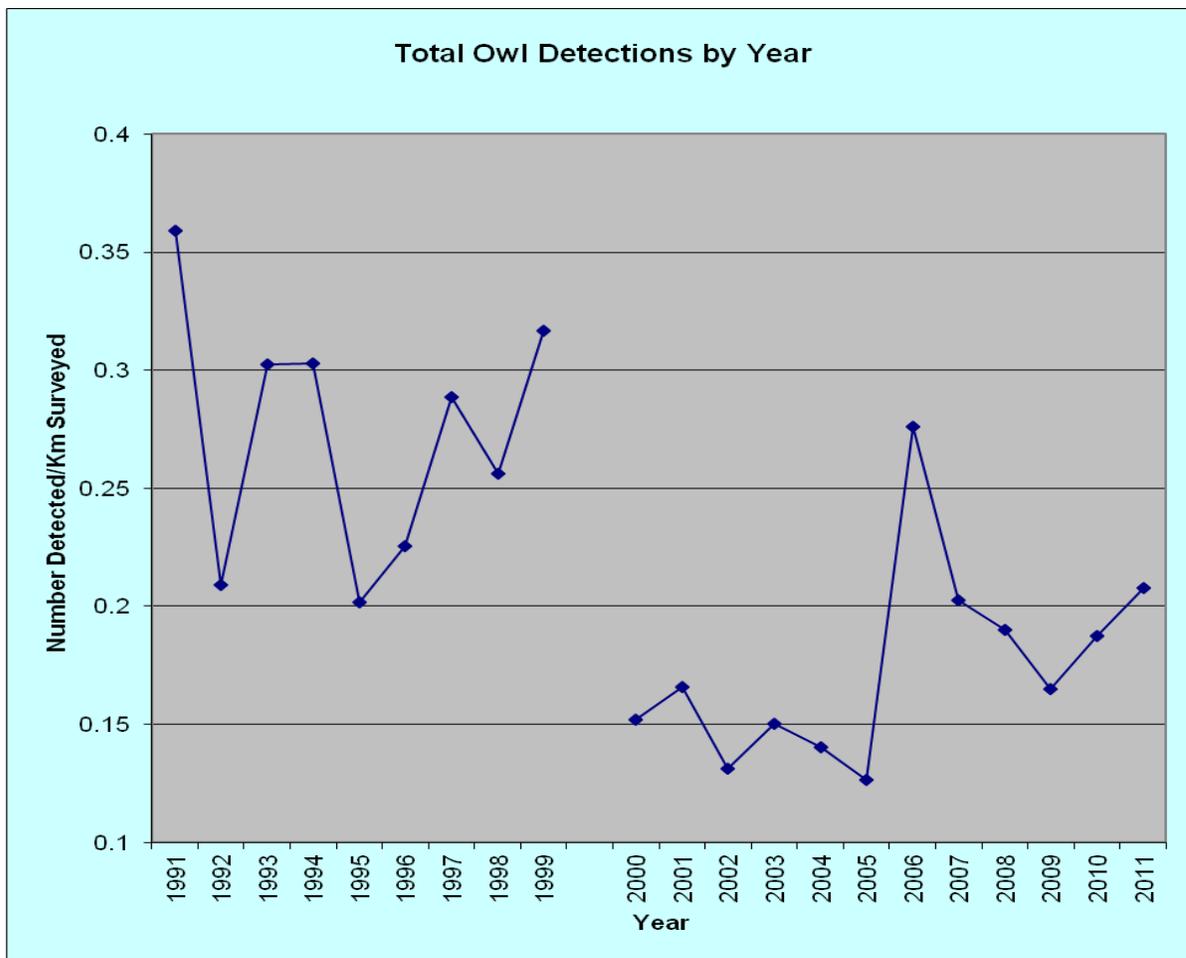
Over one-hundred people volunteered to go out at night to listen for calling owls in 2011. For

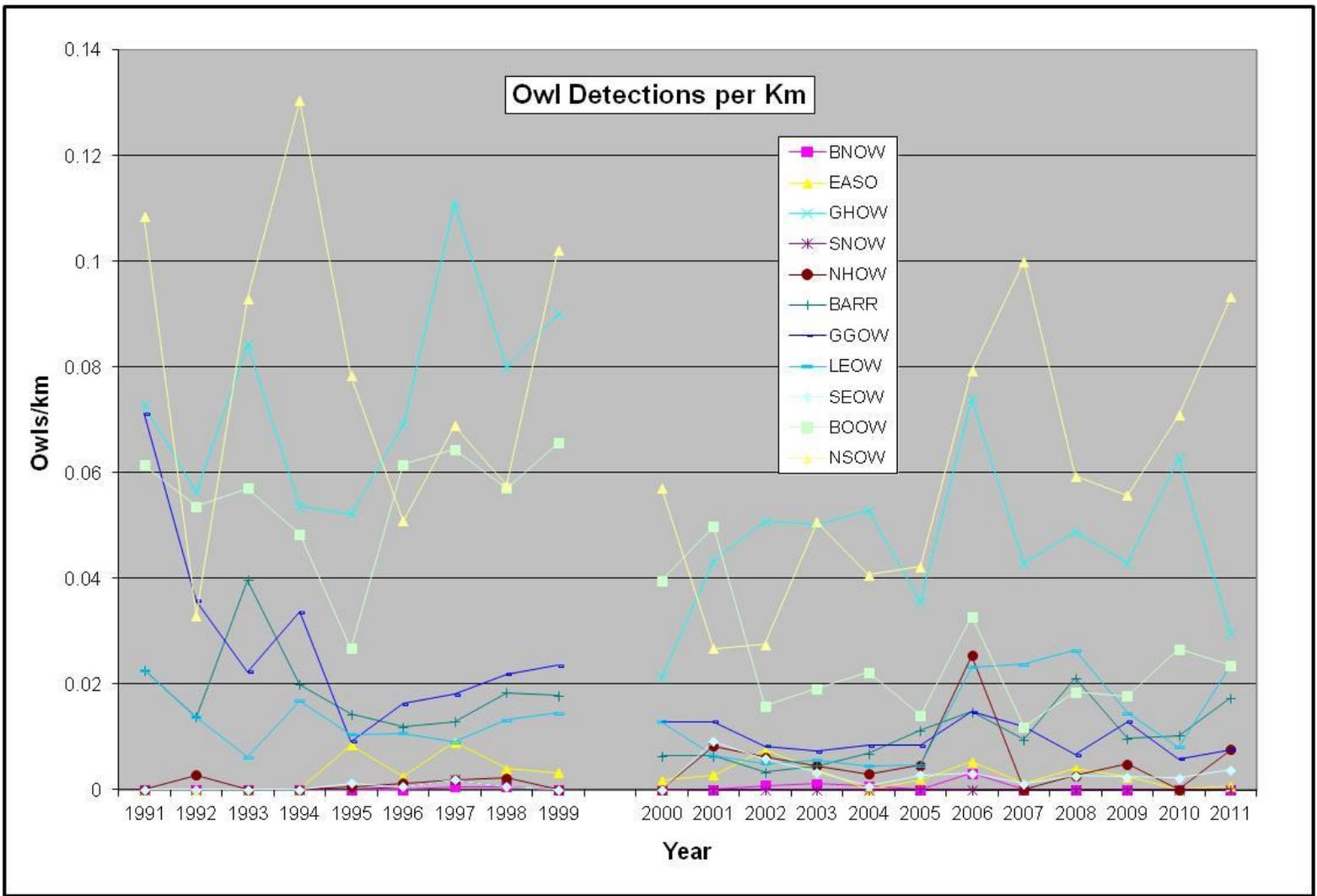
some it was their first experience with owls in the wild. For others (perhaps we should call ourselves the "gray owls"), it has become something of a lifestyle!

Once again the Manitoba owl survey contributed significantly to a study of the Barred Owl in Manitoba. It also helped the Manitoba Breeding Bird Atlas (<http://www.birdatlas.mb.ca/>) collect data on these early nesting birds. Please visit the Atlas website above for more information on the atlas project, or call Dr. Christian Artuso at 204-945-6816 or toll-free at 1-800-214-6497.



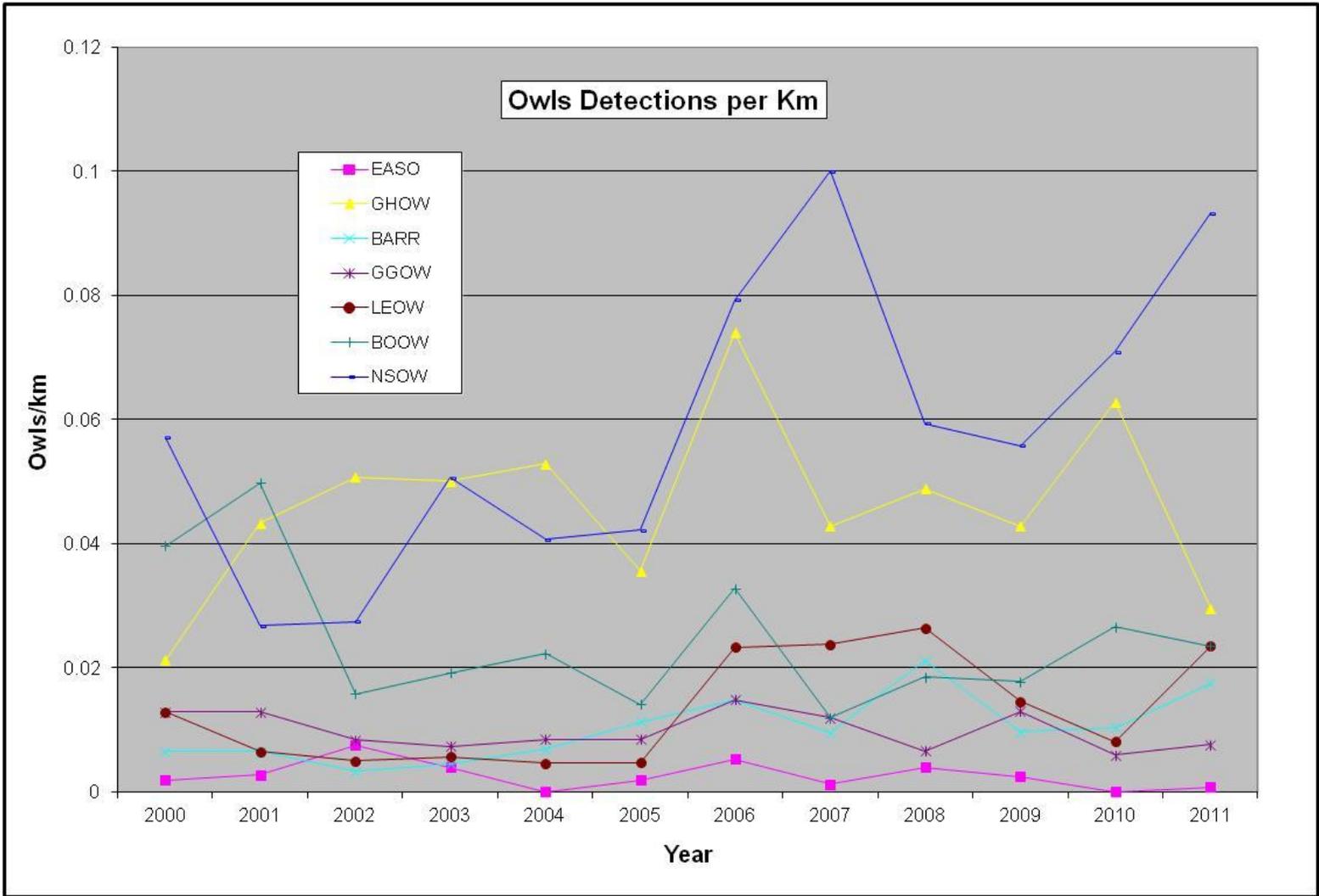
Year	# Volunteers	Distance Surveyed (Km)	# Routes	Total Owl Detections	# Owl Detections per Km
2000	106	1085	57	165	0.15
2001	91	1070	57	180	0.17
2002	198	2403	115	315	0.13
2003	162	1776	107	267	0.15
2004	150	1304	94	183	0.14
2005	102	1067	74	135	0.13
2006	91	946	65	262	0.28
2007	68	856	52	170	0.20
2008	78	1213	73	144	0.19
2009	92	1237	77	204	0.17
2010	94	1514	94	254	0.19
2011	103	1318	84	274	0.21





NSOW = Northern Saw-whet Owl, GHOW = Great Horned Owl, BOOW = Boreal Owl,
 NHOW = Northern Hawk Owl, LEOW = Long-eared Owl, BARR = Barred Owl,
 GGOW = Great Gray Owl, EASO = Eastern Screech Owl, SEOW = Short-eared owl,
 BNOW = Barn Owl, SNOW = Snowy Owl





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