



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
Wildlife Division

Scientific Research Permit

(as under section 86 of the Wildlife Regulations, Consolidated Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 1156/96)

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- Permit request #:** WLR2023-27
- Issued to:** Birds Canada
c/o Dr. Catherine Dale, Newfoundland Breeding Bird Atlas Coordinator
St. John's, NL
Tel: 613-484-1217
cdale@birdscanada.org
- Permit to:** Conduct nocturnal owl surveys, including owl call broadcasts, in Newfoundland and Labrador exclusively during the period of April 1 through May 31st of each calendar year
- Conditions:**
- The permit holder may designate other individuals to perform activities under this permit on her behalf. The permit holder is responsible for the training of any designated individuals and must ensure designated individuals follow all regulations related to this permit.
 - The permit holder must advise all individuals that their information will be provided to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture and may be further disclosed as permitted or required by law.
 - A copy of this permit must be provided to each individual conducting field surveys and is to be provided to an Enforcement Officer or other person of delegated authority upon request.
 - As per the survey protocols, no route may be surveyed using call broadcasts more than once per year.
 - This permit does not allow approach of any active nests which may be inadvertently discovered. Owls, including owlets and eggs, must never be handled.
 - The location of nest sites should be considered sensitive during the active nesting season, and not shared with outside individuals or groups in order to protect the birds from potential disturbance or harassment.
 - If any short-eared owls (*Asio flammeus*) are detected during the surveys, the Wildlife Division must be immediately notified (via Shelley Moores: shelleymoore@gov.nl.ca and endangeredspecies@gov.nl.ca), as it is a species at risk under the NL *Endangered Species Act*.

- Any changes to the survey design or methodology outlined in the initial permit request will require prior approval before implementation.
- This permit is only valid for the period indicated below.
- Any unusual wildlife observations or any adverse effects observed during the project are to be reported immediately to the Wildlife Division.
- A report must be submitted to the Wildlife Division by **June 30 of each calendar year** for the duration of the project. This report must detail the location of surveys, species recorded, and additional relevant ecological information. The location of all sampling locations and associated collection data must be submitted in digital format along with the report. Any theses, reports or publications resulting from this research should also be forwarded for the purpose of helping inform provincial management efforts. The permit holder is responsible to obtain any and all permissions which may be required to release this information to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture.
- This permit does not absolve or relieve the permit holder from any other laws, permits, regulations or orders.
- This permit does not relieve the permit holder from the requirement to acquire permission to access private property.
- The Senior Manager of Wildlife Research reserves the right to revise or revoke this permit at any time.

Date of Commencement: April 1, 2023

Date of Expiration: May 31, 2026

March 3, 2023

Date



Director of Wildlife

cc: Shelley Moores, Senior Manager of Wildlife Research
Wildlife Division
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