

Lafarge Biodiversity Programs in North Saskatchewan River Basin

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Lafarge's Biodiversity Programs

- Voluntary Over and Above any Regulatory Requirement
- Participation / Involvement with :
 - Employees
 - Jr Forest Wardens
 - Public Schools
 - Conservation Associations
 - Public

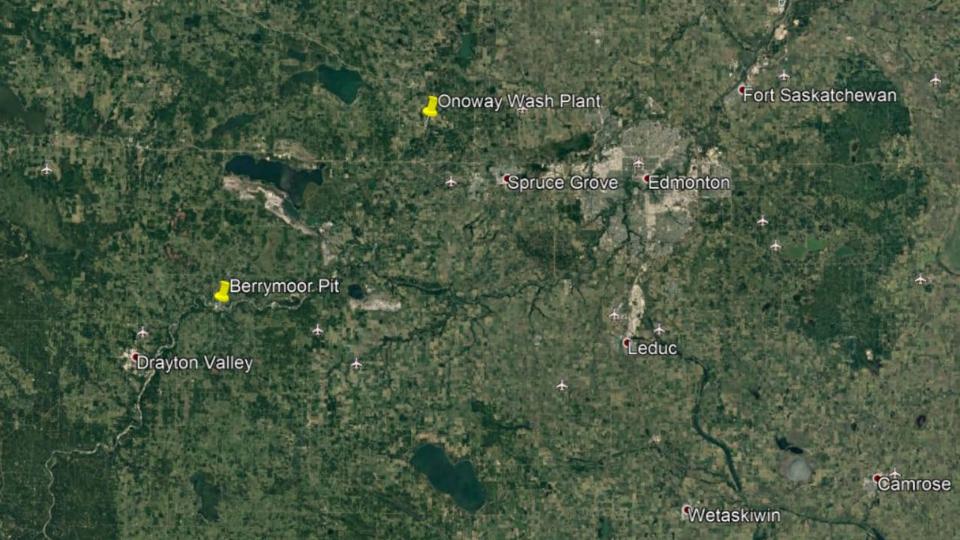


Projects

- Sand and Gravel Operation / Wash Plant
- Duration : 2009 2020
- Wildlife Habitat Council WHC Certification





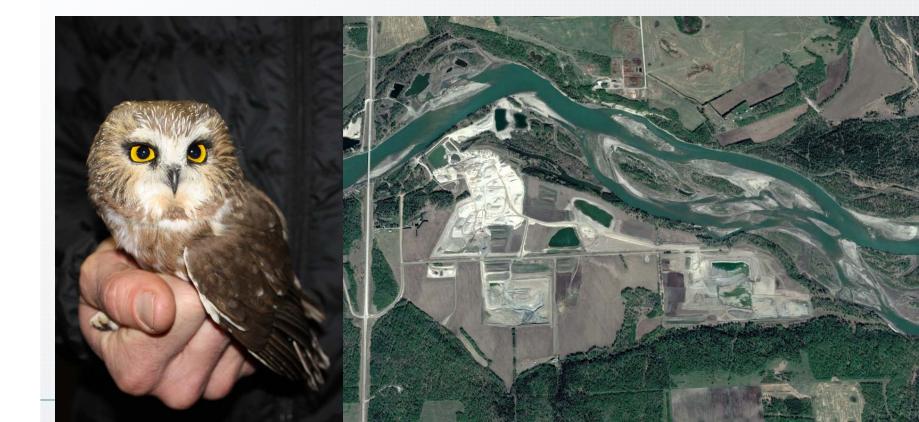


Project Pathway: Slow Steady Build

Berrymoor Gravel Pit: Bald Eagle



Berrymoor Gravel Pit



Onoway Washplant



Initiatives

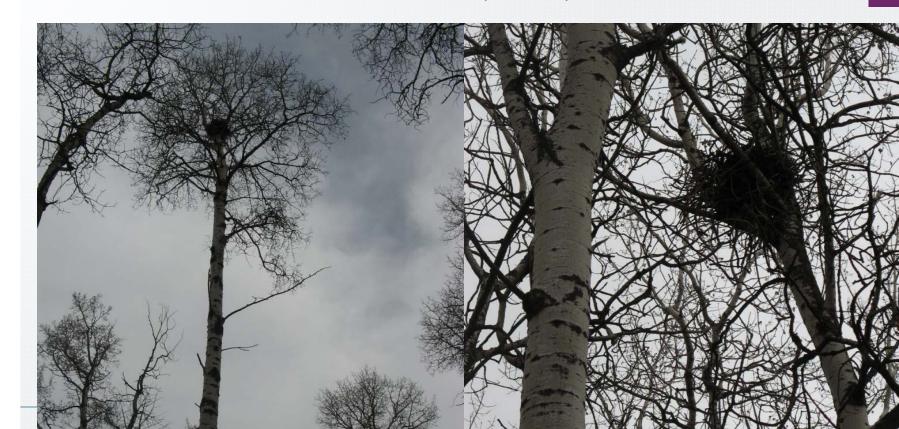
Wildlife
Monitoring
& Research

Habitat Enhancement Community Engagement

Raptor Pole (2009)



Raptor Nest Surveys (2010)



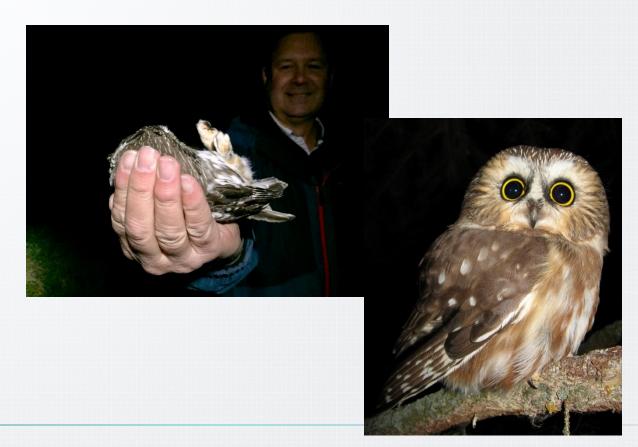
Diurnal Surveys (2010)



Nocturnal Surveys (2010)



Autumn and Summer Northern Saw-whet Owl Netting (2010)





Relatable Concepts

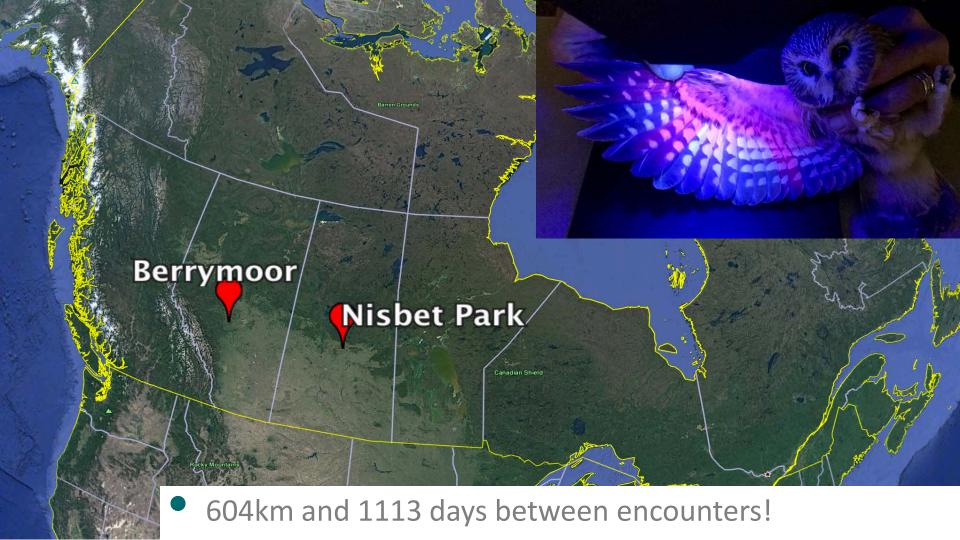




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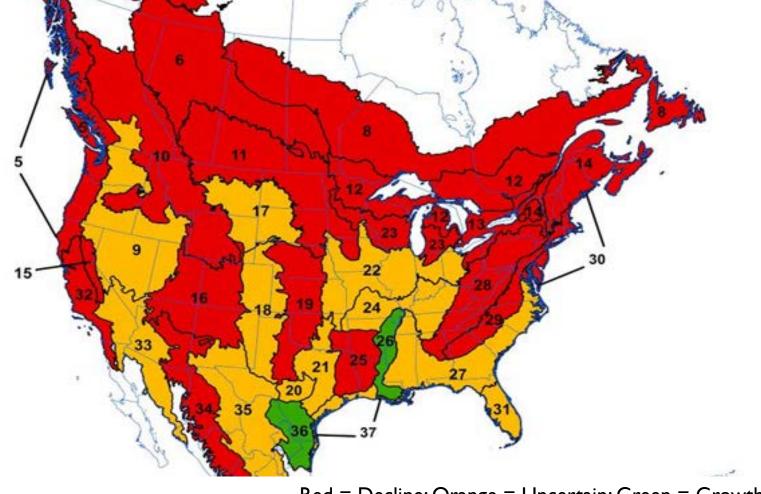


Owl Nestboxes (2012)

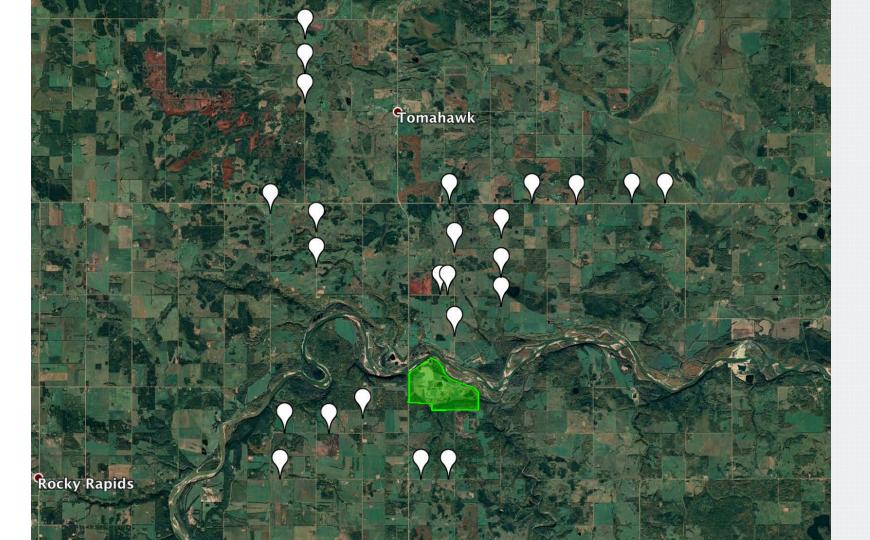


American Kestrel Nestboxes (2014)





Red = Decline; Orange = Uncertain; Green = Growth The American Kestrel Partnership, The Peregrine Fund (2018)



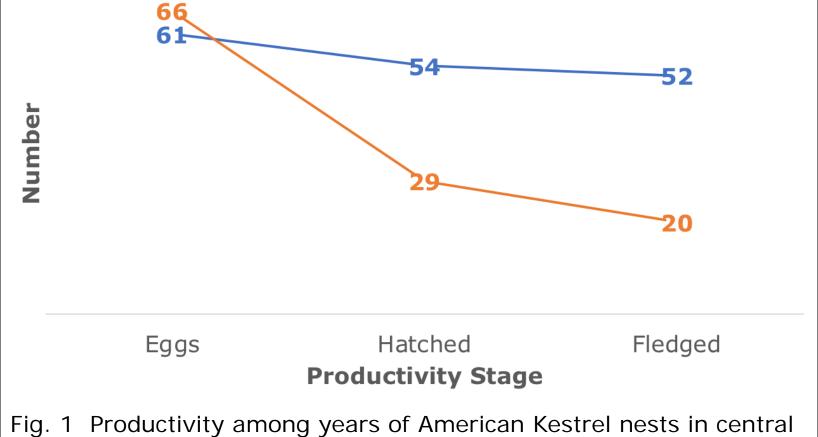
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American Kestrel 1 Week Old







- -2018 (13 nests) - -2019 (14 nests)

Alberta, Canada during 2018 and 2019.

Returning Kestrels



Prey-use and Provisioning Rates



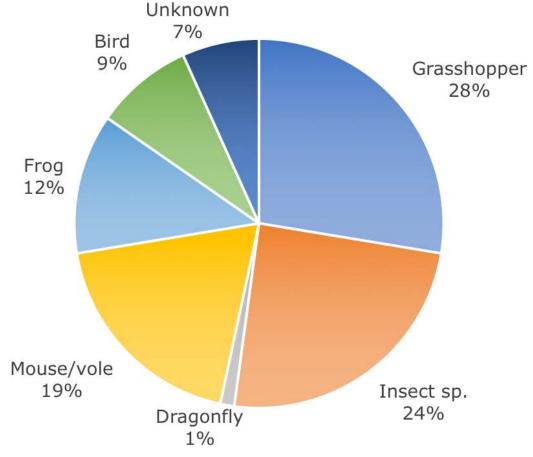


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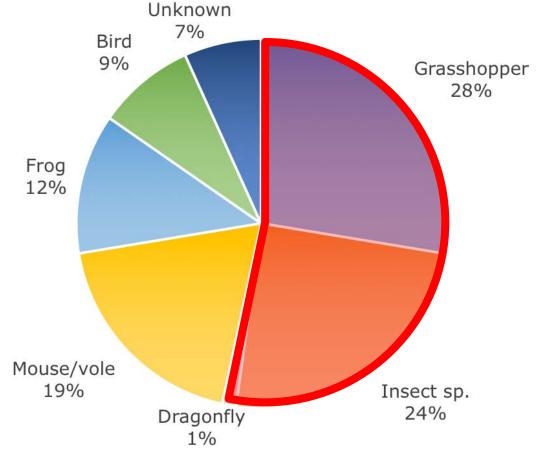


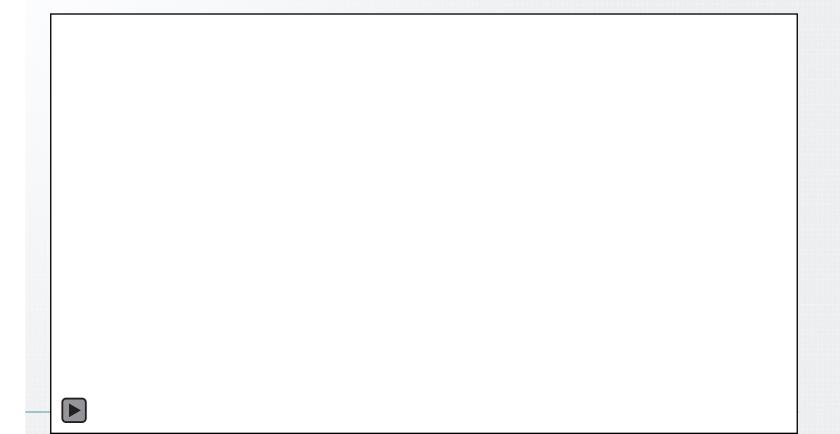
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Kestrel Feeding – Unexpected Results

Kestrel Food Provisioning



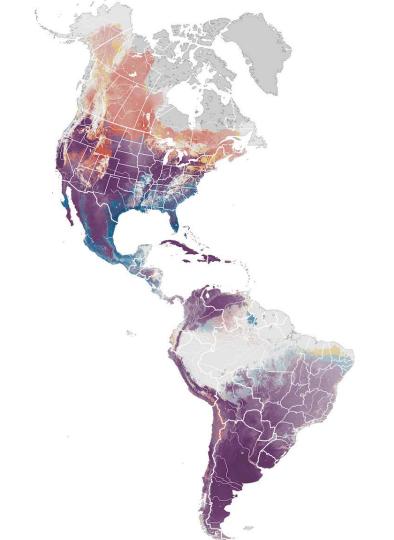
Future Kestrel Research



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RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

Year-round

Breeding season May 17 - Aug 10

Non-breeding season Nov 16 - Feb 22

Pre-breeding migratory season Mar 1 - May 10

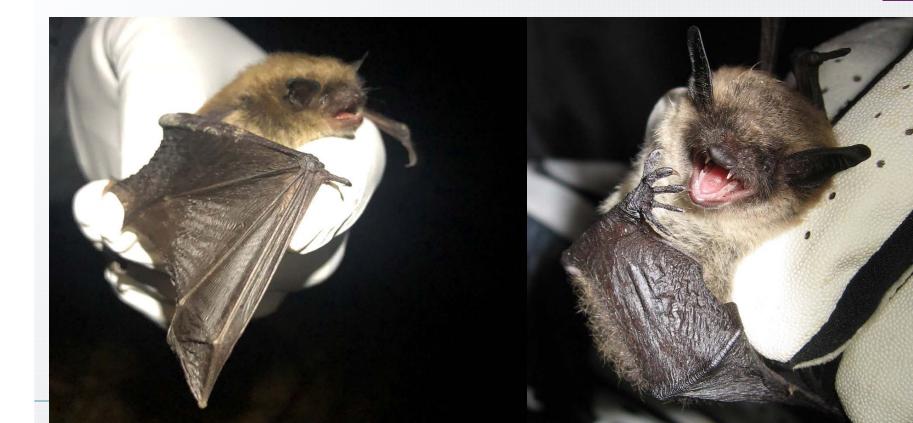
Post-breeding migratory season Aug 17 - Nov 9

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Bat Habitat Enhancement (2011)

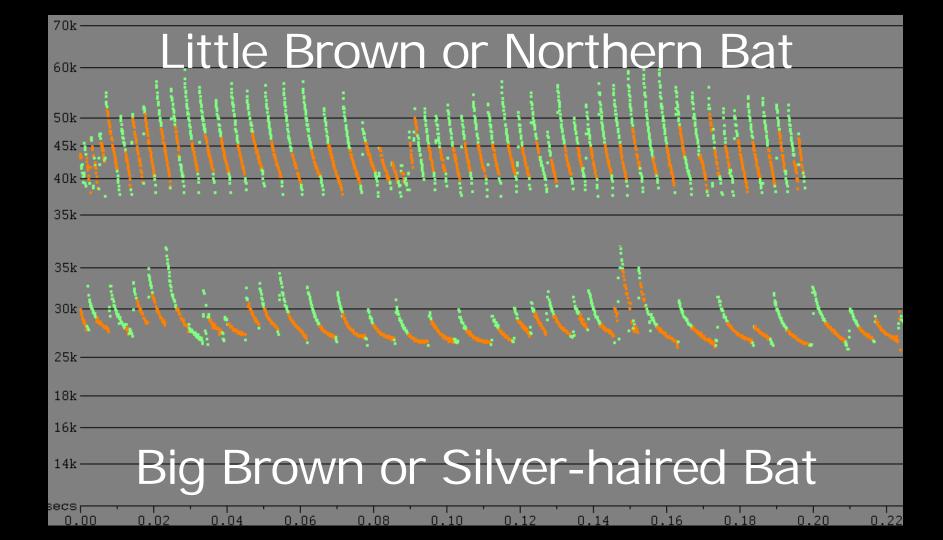


Bat Trapping Surveys (2011)



Bat Seasonal Movements (2012)





Amphibians Surveys (2011)



Wildlife Cameras (2013)



A Year Along the North Saskatchewan River – Trail Camera Video

Lafarge - Strix Trail Camera Video : Berrymoor Pit



Community Engagement



School Groups



Into the Field





In Summary

- Biodiversity Program has operated for 11 years
- Industry can work in conjunction with Wildlife Protection / Wildlife Habitats
- Slow Gradual Build Expanding:
 - Wildlife Monitoring
 - Wildlife Enhancement
 - Wildlife Research
 - Direct hands-on experiences
 - Exchange of perspectives



