Hi Friends of Nantucket Barn Owls,

Hope you are all well and continue to be so as we work through the global Covid-19 Pandemic! We are all well in our family so far!

Continuing on the progress of the last several years, MMA is once again offering an opportunity for Friends of Nantucket Barn Owls to help support MMA’s research and conservation efforts with these fascinating/beneficial birds.

Barn Owls are highly efficient predators feeding almost exclusively on mice and other small rodents, which are hosts to Deer Ticks and are proven reservoirs for the Lyme Disease bacteria. One owl consumes about 2 mice per day so a family of 2 adults and 5 owlets (an average brood on Nantucket) can consume 14 or more mice per day. What this means to you if you have an active Barn Owl Nest Box is that you will have fewer mice invading your property and you will be helping to reduce the incidence of Lyme Disease on Nantucket!

If you wish to join the MMA Barn Owl Nest Box Program this year, this is how you can help!

**Adopt a Barn Owl Nest Box** - $250 per box per year.

What this means:

- The sponsored box(es) will be checked in the spring and fall.
- The box(es) will be cleaned if no owls are home or as needed if occupied.
- Small repairs will be made on the box.
- You receive a personal report on each box you sponsor.
- You receive an island-wide summary of the owl population each year.
- Notice of when the box(es) will be checked so that you, family and friends can be present. And if adults and young are found, the opportunity to assist in the banding.
- And most importantly, you will be supporting MMA’s Science Research & Internship Programs and you will be helping to reduce the incidence of Lyme Disease on Nantucket.

All sponsorships are tax-deductible donations to MMA’s Natural Science Department.

If you wish to join us in 2022 by adopting one or more Barn Owl Boxes, please fill out the form attached and send it to the Maria Mitchell Association Barn Owl Nest Box Program. **Note** - Only sponsored boxes are guaranteed to be monitored each year!

Happy Owling!

Robert S. Kennedy, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow
Maria Mitchell Association, 4 Vestal Street, Nantucket, MA 02554

PS: Please contact me directly at 508-577-4105 or osprey02554@yahoo.com for questions.
The Maria Mitchell Association’s

2022 Nantucket Barn Owl Nest Box Research Program

I wish to support the Nantucket Barn Owl Nest Box Research Program in the following ways:

**Adopt a Barn Owl Nest Box** - $250 per box per year. This is a donation and is tax-deductible. If you do not own a nest box, you can have one built (see below) or you can adopt someone else’s.

No. of Adopted Boxes: 

\[ \underline{\text{No. of Adopted Boxes}} \times \text{$250} = \text{$_{\text{Total Donation}}$} \]

Additional Donation Amount: 

\[ \text{$_{\text{Additional Donation Amount}}$} \]

Total Donation: 

\[ \text{$_{\text{Total Donation}}$} \]

**Payment by Check made payable to:** Maria Mitchell Association

**Payment by Credit Card:** Type of Card: MasterCard _____ or Visa ____________________________

Account #: _______________________________ Expiration _____ / _______

Sponsor Name: _____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Email: ________________________________

Mail or drop-off this form and payment to:

Maria Mitchell Association
Attention: Barn Owl Nest Box Research Program
4 Vestal Street
Nantucket, MA 02554

**P.S. New or Replacement Barn Owl Boxes Available:** If you do not own a nest box and you wish to purchase one and have it installed on your property, or if you wish to replace an old dilapidated one, please contact Dr. Bob Kennedy (email: osprey02554@yahoo.com or cell: 508-577-4105) and he will arrange to have a new Barn Owl Nest Box built and installed for you. MMA Barn Owl Nest Boxes cost $1,200 installed and are built with quality materials by our master cabinetmaker and Nantucket resident, Mitch Blake.

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