

# BARN OWL PROGRAM



## Barn Owl Box Patrons receive

- Monitoring of your Barn Owl nest box at least twice per year—once or twice in the spring/early summer and once in the fall
- Cleaning and maintenance of the nest box as needed
- A detailed report from each survey, summarizing the research team's findings
- The opportunity to accompany the research team during nest box checks and field expeditions

## Want to Get Involved?

We welcome new sponsors if we determine your property is a viable location for a successful nest box.

"This is a unique Nantucket experience. Most research projects do not allow the public to be present for field research activities."

- The late Dr. Bob Kennedy

## Sponsors Support:

- A vital research program that gathers essential data on the ecology of Barn Owls on Nantucket
- A unique hands-on research and mentorship experience for MMA's Natural Science interns
- Public education about the role of Barn Owls in controlling rodent populations—helping to reduce the risk of Lyme disease on the island

## Annual Nest Box Cost:

\$350 annual sponsorship (tax-deductible)

## New Nest Box Cost:

\$3500 box + install fee

Pending site selection and approval

## Additional Costs:

- Squirrel protection baffle



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## Become a Barn Owl Ambassador

We're seeking dedicated donors to help underwrite this important program. As a Barn Owl Ambassador, you play a vital role in shaping its success and supporting the mission of the MMA.

## Why Become a Barn Owl Ambassador?

This research program explores the Barn Owl population on Nantucket, examining their numbers, breeding habits, range, movement patterns, and how weather conditions affect each of these aspects.

## You're Supporting Our Natural Science Interns

- The MMA's Barn Owl Program provides a unique opportunity for Natural Science interns to engage in hands-on research and receive valuable mentorship.
- Interns work closely with the Barn Owl team to survey nest boxes, communicate directly with program sponsors, and share updates on their research findings.

## Barn Owl Fun Facts

- Barn Owls fly in complete silence due to their serrated wings
- Barn Owls can locate prey in total darkness
- Adult Barn Owls eat, on average, 2 mice per day
- Barn Owls can breed year-round if it is warm enough
- Barn Owls' average life span is 4 years, but it can be 9 or more



## Program by the Numbers in Fall 2025

**71**

Boxes monitored by the MMA

**11**

Boxes with activity in fall of 2025

**26**

Years of MMA Barn Owl Program

**13**

Owls successfully banded in fall of 2025

**5**

Eggs found in the fall of 2025