

## Community Scientists Needed for Short-eared Owl Surveys!



Klamath Bird Observatory is partnering with Intermountain Bird Observatory and others to carry out the **Western *Asio* *Flammeus* Landscape Study (Project WAFLS)**. This community science project, now spanning eight western states, is designed to gather information to better evaluate the population status of the Short-eared Owl.

This survey is filling critical information gaps for this species in Oregon. Results will directly influence high-value conservation actions by state and federal agencies. Short-eared Owl populations have declined by more than 60% in the last 40 years, the *Oregon Conservation Strategy* has identified the Short-eared Owl as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need, and National Audubon has identified this species as Climate Endangered.

Help fill important information gaps by signing-up to complete Short-eared Owl surveys!

### To learn more and to sign-up:

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- Visit the Project WAFLS Website

<https://www.avianknowledge-northwest.net/citizen-science/short-eared-owls>

- Check out our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectWAFLS/>

*Enjoy rural Oregon at twilight while completing two road-based surveys from March through May. The surveys consist of driving on secondary roads and stopping at 8 to 11 points to complete five-minute surveys. At each point volunteers will record detections of Short-eared Owl as well as some brief habitat information. The entire survey takes 90 minutes to complete. Participants will follow field and data entry protocols. Volunteers need to: 1) have a vehicle for the survey, 2) have a smartphone or GPS device for navigation, and 3) be able to identify Short-eared Owls.*