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## Great-horned owls: A human-tolerant species thriving in an altered grassland environment

**Tuesday July 19th, 2022 at 12pm**

Speaker: Tory Hartley-Cox, Masters of Science Student, University of Regina

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**Presentation summary:**

Historically, The Great-horned owl (*bubo virginianus*) rarely occurred in the Canadian prairies; however, the population has steadily increased since European Settlement. Great-horned owls have expanded their range into grasslands by taking advantage of anthropogenic structures, planted trees and shrub encroachment due to fire suppression. For Tory's MSc research, she is using high-resolution satellite telemetry, citizen science, and nest cameras to characterize the human features, vegetation, and habitat features that Great-horned owls use in southwestern Saskatchewan.

**About the Speaker:**

Victoria (Tory) Hartley-Cox is a graduate student at the University of Regina, co-supervised by Dr. Ryan Fisher (Royal Museum of Saskatchewan) and Dr. Chris Somers (U of R). Tory has her undergraduate degree from the University of Prince Edward Island in Wildlife Conservation. Before starting her MSc, Tory had worked as a field technician in avian research and endangered species conservation since 2016, including work done in Australia, Florida and Burrowing Owls in Alberta. Her MSc research is on the habitat selection, hunting behaviour, and diet of the Great-horned owl in northern grasslands.