



COSEWIC Assessment Summary

Assessment Summary – April 2008

Common name

Short-eared Owl

Scientific name

Asio flammeus

Status

Special Concern

Reason for designation

This owl has suffered a continuing population decline over the past 40 years, including a loss of 23% in the last decade alone. Habitat loss and degradation on its wintering grounds are most likely the major threat, while continuing habitat loss and degradation on its breeding grounds in southern Canada and pesticide use are secondary threats. This species nearly meets the criteria for Threatened status.

Occurrence

Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador

Status history

Designated Special Concern in April 1994 and April 2008. Last assessment based on an update status report.