

Owl Inventories on Mt. Trumbull and Mt. Logan:

The area capable of vehicle access from Mt. Logan to the base of Mt. Trumbull, known generally as "Mt. Trumbull," was surveyed at night five times for owls this season. Two owls were positively identified, a calling Great-horned Owl, and a called-in Long-eared. We did hear various other sounds at night that we were unable to identify. Some, bark/cough-like, were probably mammals, but others, hoots and soft barks, were probably owls, flammulated and long-eared. We also heard Common Poorwills. The site was surveyed on June 30, July 10, July 18, and July 27, 2000 by myself and my father, Matthew Kreitzer, a volunteer. I surveyed the site alone on June 21, 2000. The Great-horned Owl was heard calling at approximately five A.M. on July 11, 2000. The Long-eared Owl responded to a squeaking call by my dad. It flew right over his head and then into the forest. It was seen near midnight on July 18, 2000. During the days, we observed the local birdlife and took some pictures. Species of note include: Williamson's Sapsucker, Acorn Woodpecker, Hepatic Tanager, and many Red Crossbills. The entire species list is recorded on an attached checklist. Also seen were mammals, at night and during the day, including: Mule Deer, Bobcat, Gray Fox, Black-tailed Jackrabbit, mouse, and Kaibab Squirrel. The potential for the rare Mexican Spotted Owl is not very high, but still a possibility.