

Project Perch's mission is to protect and nurture the Burrowing Owl in SE Florida.  
A real life HOOT, join now!



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**South Florida Audubon Society's Project Perch – Planting the 100<sup>th</sup> Burrow**

To our Owl Guardians & Volunteers -

We are very excited to be planting our 100th artificial burrow at Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday December 12th at 9am. I trust Father Bob will bless them all and the owls will find that field again and do well there.

We need a special picture of you all in front of that last burrow, Number 100.



Astley, Grant, & the Great Volunteers who dug in 12 artificial burrow in the wild-life habitat at Blessed Sacrament Church

It reminds me of Number 1, 2 & 3 from 2009, newspaper article attached. A school that had an active owl burrow for 20+ years was going to lose it due to development. Their science teacher and students wanted to save the owls with artificial burrows. There were many that said it wouldn't work, but some of us believed. Within 7 days the owls had moved in and they have never left. A school that only had 1 pair of owls now has 3 and has had as many as 17 owls and owlets at one time. A real life "Hoot". It was a great lesson in environmental stewardship and pretty amazing for a species in decline.

We used to struggle to get and fund owl projects but times have really changed. Blessed Sacrament Church found us. They wanted to help restore owls to their field and funded the project without hesitation. The church is already a safe haven to many people but now will also protect the owls. We welcome these burrows right at the start of nesting season when owls need them the most. The owls welcome burrows that are so far east and in Oakland Park, where they have so little habitat left.

Thank you to our newest Owl Guardians and to everyone from Number 1 to 100. The owls thank you too.

Sincerely,

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