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LONG-TERM DECLINES IN NEST SUCCESS OF PRAIRIE DUCKS

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Abstract: Increased predation on nests of ducks in prairie uplands, as a result of habitat alteration, has been hypothesized to cause decreased nest success and population sizes. We tested whether, and by how much, nest success declined using data compiled from 37 studies conducted between 1935 and 1992 at 67 sites in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada and the United States. Nest success declined (P = 0.0002) over time, but time explained only 10% of the variation; precipitation (P = 0.79) did not account for additional variation in nest success. Nest success declined at similar (P = 0.13) rates among 5 species, but late nesters (gadwall [Anas strepera], blue-winged teal [A. discors], and northern shoveler [A. clypeata]) had higher success (P = 0.004) than early nesters (mallard [A. platyrhynchos], and northern pintail [A. acuta]). Populations of gadwalls and northern shovelers, however, have not declined, indicating that declines in nest success may not be related causally to population change. Long-term population declines in blue-winged teal, northern pintails, and mallards coincide with large-scale temporal declines in nest success. Declines in nest success were parallel in parkland and grassland regions, suggesting a causal agent (or agents) that act(s) at a broad scale, despite inherent differences in the composition of the predator communities and habitats between regions.

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Declines of some duck populations in the Prairie Pothole Region (U.S. Fish and Wildl. Serv. and Can. Wildl. Serv. 1986, Anonymous 1989, Dickson 1989, Caithamer et al. 1992, Bethke and Nudds 1995) have led to speculation about ecological causes and management remedies. Hypothesized causes for the declines include decreased natality because of habitat alteration, drought, farming practices, and depredation of nests, and/or increased mortality from overhunting, environmental contaminants, disease, and predation. Predation has been identified as a principal agent of nest loss (Sargeant and Raveling 1992), and it is thought that nest success has declined because of increased losses to predators caused, ultimately, by intensive agriculture and widespread habitat change (e.g., Boyd 1985, Cowardin et al. 1985, Klett et al. 1988, Johnson et al. 1989).

Although the perception is widespread that nest success in the Prairie Pothole Region is lower now than before, the evidence is drawn from comparisons across different time scales and locales. Hammond and Forward (1956:246), for example, estimated that apparent nest success (the ratio of successful nests to no. of nests found) at a site in North Dakota decreased from 70-80% to 20-30% between the periods 1937-38 and 1947-51. From several studies in the Canadian and American prairies, Miller (1971) concluded that nest success had declined from 63% (apparent success) in the 1930s to 29% in the 1950s. Nelson and Duebbert (1973) suggested that nest success had decreased from 60-80% (apparent success) in the 1930s, to 30-40% in the 1950s, and speculated that a considerable decline had continued into the 1970s. Klett et al. (1988) however, compared nest success (Mayfield method) from 3 states in the Prairie Pothole Region between 1966 and 1984 and found little evidence of decline. Thus, it is still not clear whether nest success actually has declined since the 1930s and, if it has, to what extent.

A large number of nesting studies were conducted during the 1980s (Greenwood 1986, Johnson et al. 1988a, Greenwood et al. 1990,

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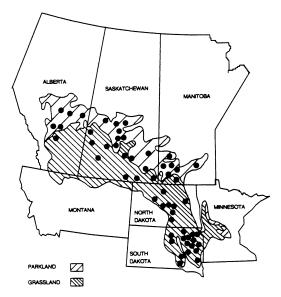


Fig. 1. Locations of study sites used in analyses of nest success of upland-nesting ducks in the Prairie Pothole Region of North America during 1935–92.

Clark et al. 1991) which was one of the driest decades since the 1930s. Long-term variation in nest success is potentially affected by variation in soil moisture conditions in at least 2 ways. First, soil moisture can affect the establishment of vegetation cover, therefore it may affect residual vegetation the following spring when ducks begin to nest. Reduced nest concealment may lead to lower nest success, at least in certain predator communities (Clark and Nudds 1991). Second, nest success of ducks may be positively correlated with small mammal abundance (Byers 1974, Weller 1979) or insects (Crabtree and Wolfe 1988), which may be alternative prey for nest predators. When dry conditions result in lower productivity of primary producers, alternative prey may become scarce and predators may consume a higher proportion of duck eggs (Johnson et al. 1989).

Further, the composition of the nest-predator community varies across the Prairie Pothole Region (Sargeant et al. 1993) and has changed over time (Johnson and Sargeant 1977). Because the effect of nest concealment on nest success differs with composition of the community of nest predators (e.g., avian vs. mammalian; Clark and Nudds 1991), we tested the extent to which temporal and spatial variation in nest success might differ between grassland and aspen parkland. Using data compiled from published and unpublished studies (1935–92) of upland-nesting ducks in the Prairie Pothole Region, we tested whether nest success (1) declined over time, (2) was related to variation in soil moisture, (3) differed among species, or (4) differed between ecogeographic regions.

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METHODS

Nest Success Data

We reviewed published and unpublished studies of nest success from parkland and grassland regions in 3 provinces (Alta., Manit., Sask.) and 2 states (N.D. and S.D.; Fig. 1) where longterm data were available for 5 species of uplandnesting ducks: blue-winged teal, gadwall, mallard, northern shoveler, and northern pintail. We included only nonisland sites where it was reported no organized predator control was conducted. (Beauchamp et al. 1996 analyzed nest success on islands and at sites with predator control.)

To ensure comparable point estimates of nest success, in space and time, we excluded studies from our analysis if data had been combined for >1 study site or for ≥ 2 years at 1 site. These 2 criteria resulted respectively in the exclusion of only 7 and 9 nest success estimates. Further, we did not include estimates of nest success based on <10 nests. We used 143 point estimates of nest success from 37 sources; the earliest study was conducted in 1935 and the most recent in 1992 (Appendix A).

We created 2 datasets, 1 with estimates of nest success for each species (unpooled) at each site in each year (n = 232, Appendix A), and

another with nest success pooled across species at each site in each year (n = 143). To test for differences in nest success among species, we analyzed unpooled data. However, multiple estimates of nest success (i.e., from >1 species) at a given site in a given year are not likely independent because all species would be subjected to similar environmental conditions. For this reason, we used pooled data in all other analyses to reduce effects of nonindependence. The pooled data is also valuable in that more study sites are represented (67 compared with 49 in the unpooled dataset), because some authors did not report nest success separately for each species.

Transforming Apparent Nest Success Estimates

One problem in undertaking a temporal analvsis is that incomparable estimators of nest success have been used over time. The "apparent" estimator used in older studies is almost always biased high (Mayfield 1961, 1975; Miller and Johnson 1978), but the contemporary Mayfield method more accurately estimates "true" nest success (Mayfield 1961, 1975). Eleven studies (1977-90) that we used in our analyses reported Mayfield estimates (Appendix A). When only apparent nest success was reported, we converted it to Green's (1989) "Mayfield-equivalent" (Appendix A), thereby enabling us to examine long-term variation in nest success. Johnson (1991) reported no directional bias for Green's transformation provided the probability of finding nests did not vary with nesting stage. This equal chance criterion might not be met if a study area was searched frequently and thoroughly. In this situation, nest success would be underestimated because Green's transformation would overcorrect for nest exposure (Johnson 1991). Because early studies lacked the efficiency of the cable-chain drag (Higgins et al. 1969) for nest searching, these sites were likely covered less systematically than those searched later and would not, therefore, violate the assumption of Green's transformation. Thus we considered it reasonable to compare Greentransformed estimates of apparent nest success from earlier studies with Mayfield estimates from later studies.

We treated sites as random samples in the analyses and assumed that all estimates of nest success were equivalent. The problem with the assumption of equivalence is that most nest abandonments were counted as nest failures in the older studies, whereas many recent studies did not use abandoned nests to estimate nest success if the abandonments were thought to have been caused by investigators.

Precipitation Data

We used conserved soil moisture (CSM) indices, available from other broad-scale studies conducted in the Canadian part of the Prairie Pothole Region (Bethke and Nudds 1993), to estimate yearly and regional variation in climatic conditions. (Similar data for the U.S. portion of our study area were not available.) Conserved soil moisture is a weighted mean of total precipitation in the 21 months preceding 1 May in any given year (Williams and Robertson 1965, Boyd 1981). More weight is given to precipitation in fall and winter because rainfall during the summer growing season does not contribute as much to persistent soil moisture (Boyd 1981). We estimated CSM for each of the 31 Canadian study sites using precipitation data from the nearest weather station(s) (Mon. Rec., Atmos. Environ. Serv., Environ. Can., Ottawa, Ont.) for each year that nest success data were available. For study areas >50 km from the nearest weather station, we used mean CSM of the closest 2-3 stations.

Statistical Analysis

We conducted linear regression and analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) using the General Linear Model (GLM) procedure of SAS (SAS Inst. Inc. 1985, Freund et al. 1986). Frequency distributions of the residuals from the linear models departed from normality; a \log_{10} transformation best normalized the data and was used in our analyses.

We conducted preliminary analyses to compare the effects of using different combinations of unweighted data, weighting by the number of nests, including studies with 10 to 20 nests, and truncating the dataset at various years (i.e., excluding the 1930s, excluding the 1940s, etc.). We found that our conclusions were robust and that the statistical parameter estimates differed only slightly. Such uniformity was not surprising, because of the large sample size and the large amount of inherent variation in the data. Further, it is difficult to determine a weighting scheme a priori, or to justify one a posteriori.

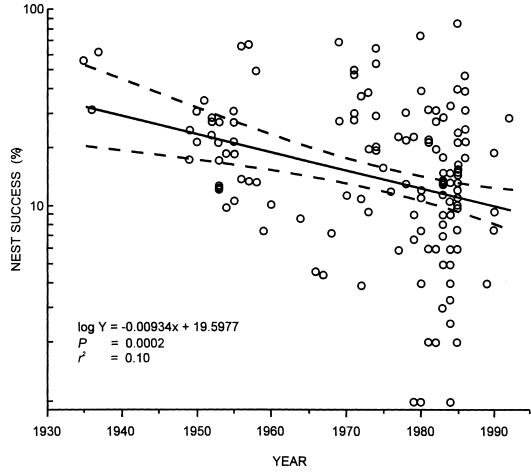


Fig. 2. Decline in nest success of 5 upland-nesting species of ducks (pooled) at 67 study sites in Prairie Pothole Region during 1935–92 (n = 143). Predicted nest success (-----) and confidence intervals (----) are shown for the regression.

We chose not to weight the data, to increase our sample size by including studies with ≥ 10 nests, and to include all years for which we could find data.

To test whether nest success declined over time, we regressed pooled nest-success estimates against year. To determine whether precipitation explained additional variation in nest success (after accounting for yr), we conducted a separate regression of nest success on year using only data from Canadian sites for which we had estimates of CSM. We then regressed residuals against CSM. We conducted a full ANCOVA to detect interactions among year, species, and region. If there were none, we conducted separate ANCOVAs to test for differences in nest success among species (using unpooled data) and between regions (using pooled data) (Freund et al. 1986:202–203). Before testing for differences (in intercepts) between species or regions using AN-COVA, we tested the assumption of homogeneity of slopes among groups (Freund et al. 1986: 200–205).

To examine differences among species, we conducted multiple comparisons of least-squares means (Freund et al. 1986), adjusted for year effect, using a Bonferroni adjusted $\alpha = 0.01$ per comparison to ensure an overall error rate of <0.05.

RESULTS

Over all sites, nest success declined over time (F = 14.93; 1, 141 df; P = 0.0002; Fig. 2). Year alone, however, accounted for little variation $(r^2 = 0.10)$ in nest success. Estimated mean nest

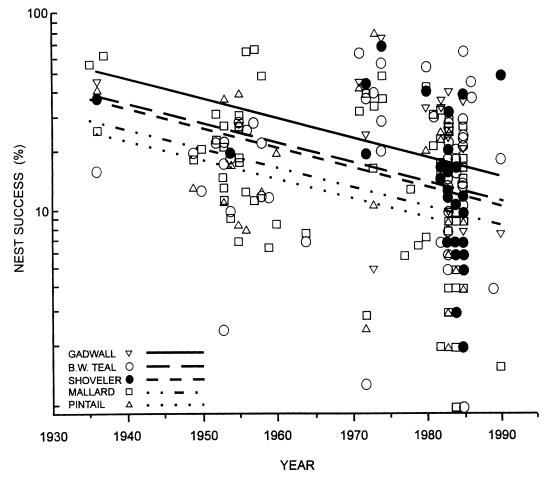


Fig. 3. Decline in nest success for each of 5 upland-nesting duck species at 49 study sites in the Prairie Pothole Region, 1935– 92. Species that nest early (mallards [n = 81] and northern pintails [n = 40]) have lower intercepts than those that nest later (northern shovelers [n = 29], blue-winged teal [n = 59] and gadwalls [n = 23]).

success over all study sites was 33% (95% CI 21– 52) in 1935 (the earliest yr in the analysis), 21% (95% CI 17–28) in 1955 (the first yr of breedingground population surveys); 15% (95% CI 13– 18) in 1970 (the beginning of a decade with particularly high populations), and 10% (95% CI 8–12) in 1992 (the most recent yr in the analysis).

In Canadian prairie-parkland sites alone, nest success also declined over time (F = 16.88; 1,73 df; P < 0.0001). Analysis of residuals indicated that conserved soil moisture did not explain any additional variation in nest success after variation due to year was taken into account (F = 0.07; 1,72 df; P = 0.79).

The full ANCOVA model indicated that there was no interaction between species and region

over time in the unpooled data set (F = 1.37;9,212 df; P = 0.94). Subsequently, ANCOVA models to test for differences among species and between regions were conducted separately (Freund et al. 1986:202-203). Rates of decline in nest success did not differ among species (F = 1.82; 4,222 df; P = 0.13), but nest success did (F = 3.68; 4,226 df; P = 0.006). Northern pintails and mallards (which did not differ significantly from each other, P = 0.45) had consistently lower nest success (P = 0.004) than did northern shovelers, blue-winged teal, and gadwalls (which did not differ significantly from each other, P = 0.18; Fig. 3). Neither nest success ($\mathbf{F} = 1.20$; 1,140 df; P = 0.27) nor its rate of decline (F = 0.95; 1,139 df; P = 0.33) differed between grassland (n = 85) and parkland (n = 58) regions.

DISCUSSION

Nest success of upland-nesting ducks in the Prairie Pothole Region declined between 1935 and 1992. However, year accounts for only 10% of the variation in nest success, leaving 90% of the variation unexplained. Kalmbach (1939:601) thought that 63% (42% Mayfield equivalent) nest success was typical for waterfowl at unmanaged sites "under varied conditions". We estimated that (corrected) nest success in 1935, the earliest year for which we had data, averaged 33% (95% CI 21-52). The rate of decline we found was <0.5% per year compared with a decline of 2-4% per year, inferred from earlier papers (Miller 1971, Nelson and Duebbert 1973). Nest success may never have been as high in the 1930s as has been thought, and the decline appears to be lower than suggested earlier.

Conserved soil moisture correlates positively with duck population sizes (Boyd 1981), but we found no evidence that it was associated with nest success. Perhaps the mechanisms we proposed (effects on residual vegetation or alternative prey) do not affect nest success, or are only weakly linked to CSM. For example, residual spring vegetation may also be affected by snowpack and subnivean harvest by rodents (Higgins and Barker 1982).

Nest success and its rate of decline did not differ between parkland and grassland regions, for all 5 species, despite inherent differences in composition of the predator communities between these regions (Sargeant et al. 1993). This suggests a causal agent (or agents) that act(s) at a large scale and affects all species and areas similarly.

Although the rate of decline was not different among species, average nest success differed. From lowest to highest, the order of adjusted means of nest success was northern pintail, mallard, northern shoveler, blue-winged teal, and gadwall. Interestingly, this ranking correlates with nesting chronology. Nest initiation dates vary among locations and from year to year depending on weather conditions but, in general northern pintails and mallards are early nesters (beginning in early Apr), northern shovelers are intermediate, teal are later (peak clutch initiation in late May), and gadwalls have the latest peak clutch initiation (Jun) of all dabbling ducks (Bellrose 1980). A similar ranking of nest success among dabbling duck species was found by Klett et al. (1988).

Interspecific differences in nest site selection, as well as timing of nest initiation, may account for some differences in nest success among species. Northern pintails tend to nest in open areas more than do other dabbling ducks (Bellrose 1980), and because vegetation is generally sparse in early spring their nests may be more prone to predation due to lack of concealment. Pintails tend also to nest in stubble fields where nest losses to farming practices, especially spring plowing, may be relatively greater than for other dabbling ducks (Milonski 1958, Klett et al. 1988). In our review, however, few studies from which we gleaned data had been done in cropland because most species usually nest in untilled habitats of marginal agricultural value, so we suspect that spring plowing cannot be a general explanation for the pattern of interspecific variation in nest success that we observed. Mallard nests may also be vulnerable to spring plowing (Bellrose 1980, Sugden and Beyersbergen 1985), but mallards generally use dense cover. Gadwalls nest in dense vegetation (Hines and Mitchell 1983), in part because they nest later in the season when vegetation is more fully grown. Dense vegetation may deter movement of some mammalian predators, as Duebbert (1969) speculated, and avian predators may not detect well-concealed nests (Clark and Nudds 1991). Further, there is evidence that some predators feed on duck eggs early in the season and later switch to alternative prey (Crabtree and Wolfe 1988). Therefore, late nests may, in general, be less vulnerable to predation.

There are several inherent limitations to testing hypotheses with historical data, but we think these problems do not seriously diminish our attempt to address the critical question of whether nest success declined over time. If bias exists, we think it might occur principally in the direction of overestimating the decline. First, particularly in the oldest studies, sites may not have been randomly selected and, not truly representative, because nest searches may have been conducted (either intentionally or unintentionally) in the most productive habitats. Second, only studies that found high nest success may have been published earlier. Third, the scarcity of studies of nest success before the 1970s, and the high variability in nest success reported then, may have resulted in a Type I error (i.e., we may have detected a false decline in nest success), though various cleavages of the data at different times do not result in substantially different conclusions about the temporal variation in nest success. On the other hand, early estimates of nest success, relative to later areas, could underestimate productivity. Nest abandonments were counted as nest failures in older studies, whereas many recent studies did not use abandoned nests if the cause was suspected to be observer-induced. Also, although female success (Cowardin and Johnson 1979) is infrequently reported, it may be a more appropriate index of productivity in some cases. Female success would equal nest success if no renesting occurred. However, female success may be much higher when renesting does occur (Cowardin and Johnson 1979), in which case productivity could be higher than our results indicate, especially in latter years.

MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

We found evidence that nest success declined between the 1930s and 1992, albeit more slowly than previous estimates, for all 5 species examined. But census data indicate gadwalls and northern shovelers have not shown concurrent population declines, and have actually increased in some areas (Dickson 1989). Together, these observations are inconsistent with the idea that nest success is a principal cause of variation in population size. Management aimed at increasing nest success implicitly assumes that it will lead to increases in fall flight and recruitment to the breeding population. Others have acknowledged that nest success may not be the only, or most important, factor limiting population growth (Cowardin et al. 1985, Clark and Nudds 1991). Accordingly, more attention is being directed to brood survival (Talent et al. 1983, Orthmeyer and Ball 1990, Rotella and Ratti 1992) and survival throughout the annual cycle (Hill 1984, Johnson et al. 1988b, Hestbeck et al. 1989).

The widespread nature of declining nest success implies that a large-scale solution would be required to reverse the trend. In general, it may be more cost-effective to direct efforts toward encouraging extensive management (recovery of marginal farmland, alternative farming practices), rather than intensive, site-specific management (e.g., direct predator control programs). However, in severely altered land-scapes, intensive management (however expensive) might be the only way to augment nest success, but this question still needs to be ad-

dressed (Clark and Nudds 1991, Nudds and Clark 1992). Whatever decisions are made regarding the management of nest predators in particular circumstances, we advocate its implementation in ways that the effects can be properly evaluated by the most rigorous means possible (Macnab 1983, Clark and Nudds 1991, Clark and Diamond 1993).

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Received 2 June 1993. Accepted 29 June 1995. Associate Editor: Samuel. Appendix A. Published and unpublished sources of nest success data for 5 species of upland-nesting ducks in the Prairie Pothole Region, 1935–92. Unpooled refers to nest success estimates that were kept separate for each species at each site in each year. Pooled refers to nest success estimates pooled for all species present at each site each year. Note that the pooled dataset may include more species and more nests. The number of restimates of nest success (*n*) and the number of nests on which each study was based are given. Data from islands or predator control sites were not included. NWA = national wildlife area, WMD = wetland management district, WPA = waterfowl production area.

			Unpooled		Pooled		
Reference	Year(s) of study	Study site	n	No. nests	n	No. nests	Estimator used
Adams, G. D., unpubl.	1981-82	Thickwood Hills, SK	3	54	2	63	Mayfield
	1989-90		2	49	2	49	Mayfield
Clark et al. 1991	1980-81	St. Denis, NWA, Sask.	6	153	2	153	Mayfield
	1983-85		11	281	3	281	Mayfield
Clark, R. G., unpubl. data	1990	Elstow, Sask.			1	32	Mayfield
	1990	Yorkton, Sask.	3	39	1	78	Green
Cowardin et al. 1985 Duebbert and Kantrud 1974	1977–80 1971	N.D. (2 sites)	4	129	4	129	Mayfield Green
Duebbert and Lokemoen	1971-73	S.D. (2 sites) Edmunds County, S.D.	12	544	$\frac{2}{3}$	245 569	Green
1976 Duebbert and Lokemoen	1973-74	Hosmer, S.D.	5	167	2	180	Green
1980	1910-14	Hosmer, 5.D.	0	107	2	100	Green
Dzubin and Gollop 1972	1952-55	Roseneath, Manit.	4	213	4	213	Green
	1956-58	Kindersley, Sask.	3	611	3	611	Green
Furniss 1938	1935, 1937	Prince Albert, Sask.	2	33	2	33	Green
Greenwood 1986	1979	Gaier WPA, N.D.			1	204	Mayfield
	1979	Haglund WPA, N.D.			1	68	Mayfield
	1980	Crystal Springs WPA, N.D.			1	73	Mayfield
	1980	Haglund, N.D.			1	71	Mayfield
	1980-81	Ackerson, WPA, N.D.			2	110	Mayfield
	1981	Jamestown College WPA, N.D.			1	91	Mayfield
Greenwood et al. 1990	1982-84	Ackerson WPA, N.D.			3	96	Mayfield
	1982-85	Gaier WPA, N.D.			4	87	Mayfield
	1983-84	Jamestown College WPA, N.D.			2	35	Mayfield
	1984	Hertel WPA, N.D.	-	01	1	13	Mayfield
Greenwood, R. J., USFWS,	1982	Tichfield, Sask.	5	91	1	91	Mayfield
pers. comm.	1982 - 85 1982 - 85	Hanley, Sask. Shamrock, Sask.	9 14	$\begin{array}{c} 212 \\ 838 \end{array}$	4 4	$\begin{array}{c} 212 \\ 884 \end{array}$	Mayfield Mayfield
	1982-85	Cartwright, Manit.	2	32	4	32	Mayfield
	1983	Goodwater, Sask.	$\frac{2}{5}$	265	1	281	Mayfield
	1983	Holden, Alta.	4	158	1	158	Mayfield
	1983-84	Ceylon, Sask.	9	718	2	774	Mayfield
	1983-84	Hay Lakes, Alta.	8	324	2	324	Mayfield
	1983-84	Moorepark, Manit.	8	257	2	257	Mayfield
	1984-85	Craik, Sask.	3	39	2	39	Mayfield
	1984-85	Denzil, Sask.	7	189	2	189	Mayfield
	1984-85	Leask, Sask.	7	225	2	225	Mayfield
	1984-85	Penhold, Alta.	2	66	2	66	Mayfield
	1985	Earl Grey, Sask.	4	123	1	123	Mayfield
	1984-85	Inchkeith, Sask.	4	67	2	67	Mayfield
	1985 1985	Gayford, Alta. Yorkton, Sask.	4 3	$\frac{57}{144}$	1 1	57 156	Mayfield Mayfield
Hawkins 1949	1935	Southwestern Manit.	3	132	1	$156 \\ 150$	Green
Hawkins 1949	1949	Southwestern Manit.	2	51	1	150 57	Green
Higgins et al. 1992	1966-81	Woodworth, N.D.	-	51	16	3,517	Mayfield
Howard et al. 1954	1953	Elkhorn Area, Manit.	1	63	1	89	Green
Johnson et al. 1988a	1983	Streeter, N.D.	4	115	1	124	Mayfield
-	1983	Sharon, N.D.	1	42	1	56	Mayfield
	1983	Plaza, N.D.	5	193	1	198	Mayfield
	1983	Madison, S.D.	2	68	1	78	Mayfield
	1983	Parkston, S.D.	2	63	1	73	Mayfield

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Reference	Year(s) of study	Study site	Unpooled		Pooled		
			n	No. nests	n	No. nests	Estimator used
Kaiser 1976	1974	Madison WMD, S.D.	1	61	1	81	Green
	1974	Lake Andes WMD, S.D.	1	137	1	167	Green
Kalmbach 1938	1936	Lower Souris Refuge, N.D.	5	303	1	326	Green
Kiel 1951	1949–51	Newdale-Erickson Area, Manit.			3	101	Green
Kiel 1953	1952	Newdale-Erickson			1	48	Green
Kiel 1954	1953	Newdale-Erickson	3	238	1	238	Green
Lokemoen et al. 1982	1978-80	Gaub WPA, N.D.			3	64	Mayfield
Oetting and Dixon 1975	1974	Oak Hammock Marsh, Manit.	4	223	1	224	Green
Page and Cassel 1971	1969	Railway ROW, N.D.			1	80	Green
Reeves et al. 1956	1955	Success, Sask.	2	130	1	138	Green
Simpson 1988	1985	S.D. (11 sites)	6	132	11	228	Mayfield
Smith 1954	1953	Lousana, Alta.	2	24	1	30	Green
		Vermillion, Alta.	1	50	1	61	Green
Smith 1956	1955	Lousana, Alta.	3	65	1	73	Green
		Vermillion, Alta.	1	35	1	49	Green
Stoudt 1953	1952	Redvers, Sask.	2	94	1	109	Green
Stoudt 1971	1956-60	Redvers, Sask.	12	1,324	5	1,347	Green
	1964		2	24	1	26	Green
Stoudt and Buller 1954	1953	Redvers, Sask.	3	287	1	299	Green
Stoudt and Stinnett 1955	1954	Redvers, Sask.	4	334	1	353	Green
Stoudt and Yeager 1956	1955	Redvers, Sask.	3	294	1	313	Green
Taylor, P. S., CWS, pers. comm.	1992	Last Mt. NWA, Sask.			1	389	Green
Wright, M., DU (Can.), unpubl. data	1972	Colonsay, Sask.	4	86	1	91	Green
Total			232	10,646	143	163,513	