

“Flying Under the Radar: The Extirpation of the Barn Owl in Michigan”

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Judge’s comments: “This is an interesting story exploring the locally extinct barn owl. It does a good job of explaining the present and past issues. I believe the top of the story, however, could be stronger if it stayed with the barn owl. As it is structured, it grabs you with an interesting owl fact but takes a long time to get back to the owl. The paragraphs about the other animals confuses a bit and would have been better placed later in the story. Overall, it is a compelling read. (The pictures are also nice.)”