

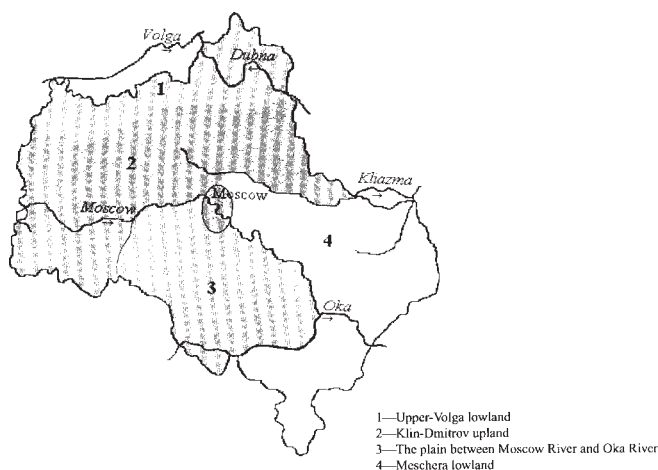
Owls in the Moscow Region: the Results of a 10-year Study

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Abstract.—Owls are one of the least studied gr oups of bir ds not only in the Moscow r egion but thr oughout Russia. The only detailed essay on owls in the Moscow r egion is by E.S. Ptushenko and A.A. Inozemtsev (1968),but otherwise no special studies of owls have been carried out her e.

Since 1986, the Druzhina for Natur e Conservation at the Biology Faculty of Moscow State University has r esearched owls as a part of the study program on rar e birds in the Moscow r egion. This is the oldest non-gover nmental student or ganization for active conservation of old-growth forests, rare animals and plants, and envir onmental education in the Moscow r egion.

Many amateur and pr ofessional ornithologists took part in this work.



- 1—Upper-Volga lowland
2—Klin-Dmitrov upland
3—The plain between Moscow River and Oka River
4—Meschera lowland

Figure 1.—Natural zones of the Moscow region.

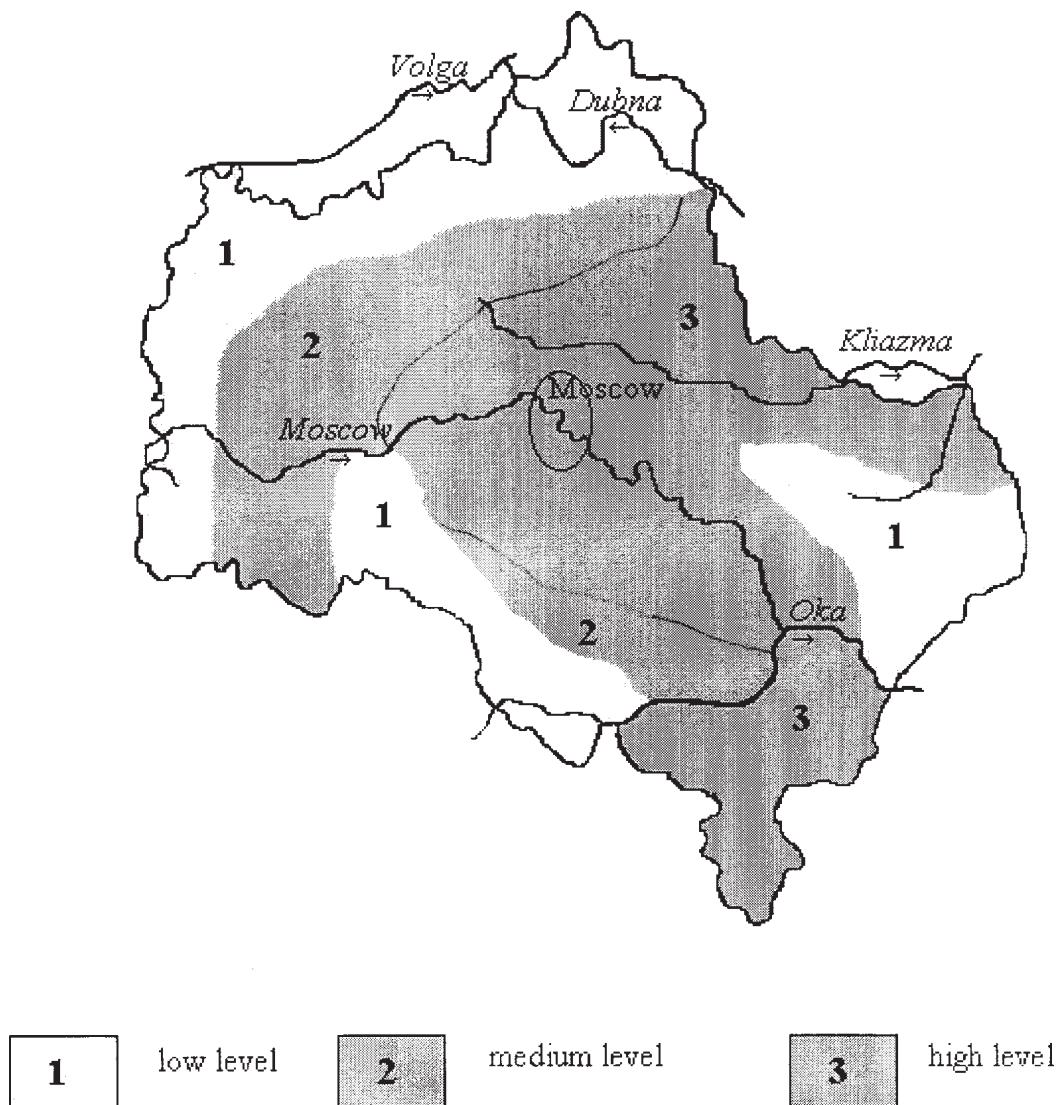


Figure 2.—Degree to which natural communities have been transformed due to human activity in the Moscow region.

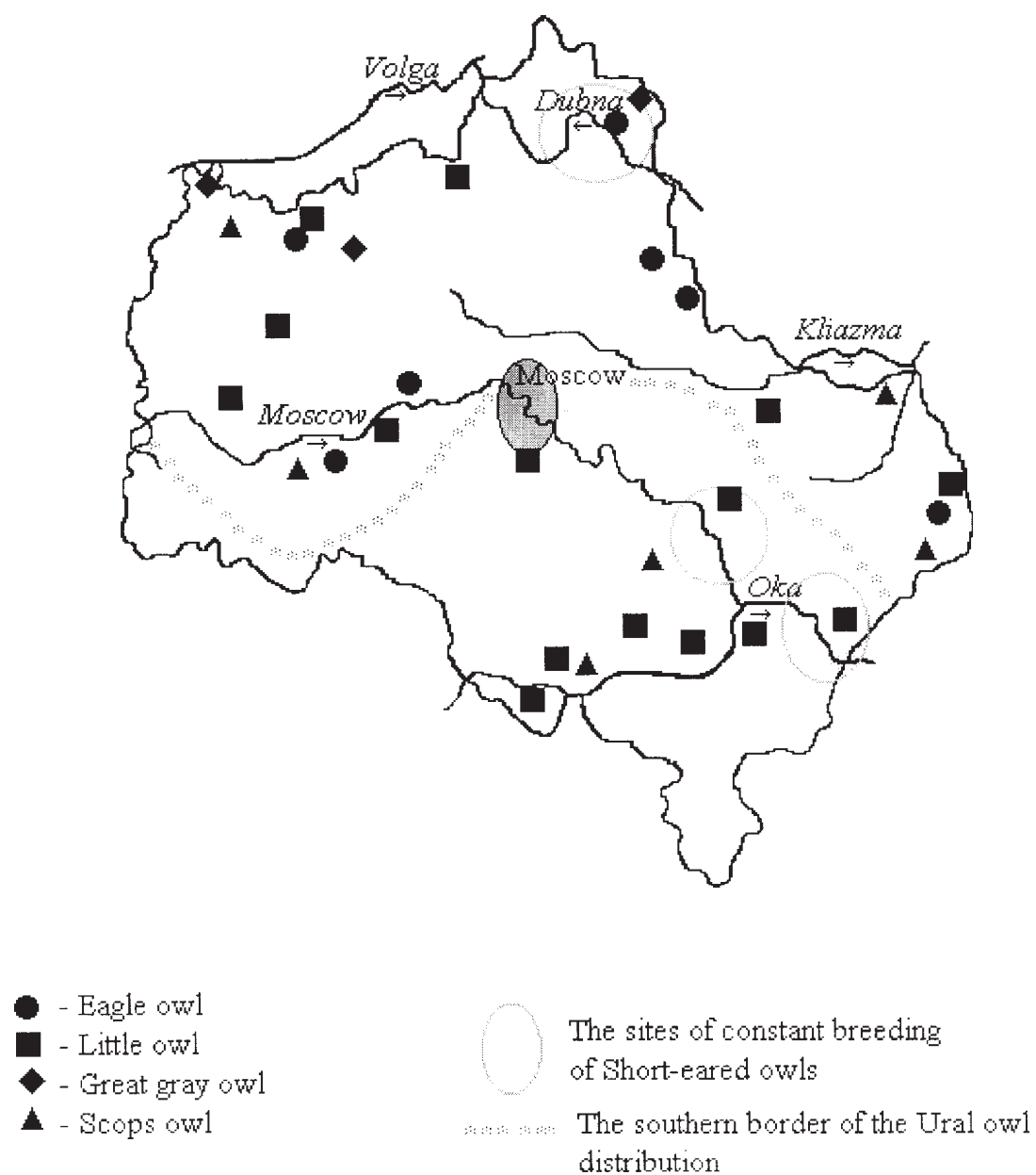


Figure 3.—Distribution of rare owl species in the Moscow region.