POPULATION DYNAMICS OF GREATER SNOW GEESE: DEMOGRAPHIC AND HABITAT MONITORING DURING A PERIOD OF INCREASED HARVEST

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INTRODUCTION

Like many other goose populations worldwide, Greater Snow Geese (*Anser caerulescens atlanticus*) have increased considerably during the late 20th century. The exploding population has imposed considerable stress on its breeding habitat, while extensive use of agriculture lands provides an unlimited source of food during winter and migratory stopovers for them. Remedial management actions during autumn, winter and spring have been undertaken since 1999 in Canada and 2009 in the United States to curb the growth of this population. A synthesis report produced in 2007 evaluated the initial success of these special conservation measures. However, both the Avian Monitoring Review Steering Committee Final Report and the Greater Snow Goose Action Plan released in 2012 by the Canadian Wildlife Service called for a continued monitoring of the dynamic of this population and of its habitats. In response to those needs, the long-term goals of this project are to (1) monitor changes in the demographic parameters of the Greater Snow Goose population, and especially the effects of the spring conservation harvest on those parameters, (2) determine the role of food availability and predation in limiting annual production of geese, and (3) monitor the impact of grazing on the Arctic vegetation.

Original activities planned for this project in 2021 included studying of goose migration and reproduction, goose banding, monitoring of lemming abdundance, monitoring of avian predators and fox reproduction, sampling plant production in wetlands and monitoring weather and snow melt on Bylot Island, Nunavut. However, in 2021 all Arctic fieldwork was canceled in Nunavut until 31 July because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hence, we were able to collect data in the field only during a short 3-week field season in August. Continuing the project initiated last year, we also relied on biologging and remote sensing technologies to infer some of the key parameters related to the population dynamic of Greater Snow Geese and thus achieve some of our initial objectives.

OBJECTIVES

Our specific goals for 2021 are listed as follow:

- 1) Measure the snowmelt on Bylot Island, an important determinant of goose reproductive effort in the Arctic.
- 2) Study the migration phenology of Greater Snow Geese and its impact on reproductive success.
- 3) Estimate the breeding phenology, nesting density and nesting success of Greater Snow Geese.
- 4) Develop a deep learning algorithm that can automatically detect snow geese on satellite images.
- 5) Estimate the breeding activity of Snowy Owls (*Bubo scandiacus*) in the current year and validate the number of Snowy Owl nests detected on the 2020 satellite image, which was used to infer lemming abundance.
- 6) Monitor the abundance of lemmings.
- 7) Band goslings and adults, and neck-collar adult females at the end of the summer to continue the long-term study of demographic parameters such as survival and breeding propensity.

STUDY SITES

Our main field research activities are conducted primarily at two sites on Bylot Island, Nunavut: the Qarlikturvik Valley, which is the largest glacial valley on the island and a prime brood-rearing area (73°08' N, 80°00' W), and the Camp-2 area, located in a narrow valley 30 km south of the Qarlirturvik Valley at the center of the main goose nesting colony (72°53' N, 79°54' W). Our field work and analyses using remote sensing data in 2021 focused on the same sites. Fieldwork was also conducted in spring 2021 at Île-aux-Oies (47°08' N, 70°28' W), a site located in the heart of the goose staging area in southern Quebec, where adult female Greater Snow Geese were equipped with GPS transmistters.

METHODS

Environmental and weather data. — Environmental and weather data continued to be recorded at our four automated stations. All automated stations were visited during in August to download data and were found to be operating normally. We studied the snowmelt in the lowlands of the Qarlikturvik Valley (the site of our long-term field monitoring, Fig. 1) using data recorded by MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer), an instrument on board the Terra satellite that collects the reflectivity of the earth surface daily with a 500-m spatial resolution. We used the MOD10A1 product (version 6), a dataset containing fractional snow cover from 0 to 100% for each 500-m pixel (search.earthdata.nasa.gov/search). Data was downloaded for the period of 15 May to 30 June 2021 and provided a daily value of fractional snow cover for each pixel covering the Qarlikturvik Valley. Pixels with a fractional snow cover >40% were identified as 'snow' pixels while pixels with a fractional snow cover ≤40% were considered 'snow-free'. The ratio between the number of snow pixels and the total number of pixels covering our study area provided us with a snow cover for the valley. We discarded days where <30% of the study area was visible to the MODIS sensors due to cloud cover. To approximate snow cover for days with missing data, we performed a linear interpolation between days with valid MODIS data.

Tracking of GPS-marked geese. — Since 2019, we have equipped with GPS/GSM transmitters 75 adult female Greater Snow Geese captured during spring staging in Quebec. Two of the 17 transmitters deployed in 2019 and 2020 were still working in spring 2021 and we equipped an additional 58 females with the same type of transmitters (OrniTrack-N44 – solar powered neck collar GPS-GSM tracker).

Nesting attempt and laying date were determined by analyzing the movements of GPS-marked birds once they had reached the Arctic. Geese usually wander around when feeding during the pre-laying period. When the goose movements started to be clustered (within a radius of ~75 m) around one location (presumed to be the nest location), this date was chosen as the laying date. When the bird movements started to be even more concentrated around this location (within a radius of ~25 m), this date was used as an estimation of the start of incubation. When the locations suddenly started to be spread over a wide area again, this date was considered as the departure date from the nest. If the inferred duration of the incubation period (difference between the departure and incubation start dates) was close to the average length of the incubation period of snow geese (i.e., 23 days), the breeding attempt was deemed to be successful, and if shorter it was considered a failure. Considering that parents leave the nest with their young about 24 hours after hatching,

hatching date was estimated as the day before the inferred departure date in successful nests considered. Clutch size was estimated using the following equation: hatch date – incubation length (23 d) – laying date.

Monitoring of goose nesting activity. — Since no field activity occured during the breeding period on Bylot Island this year, we inferred nesting abundance and activity through remote sensing. A validation study conducted on a satellite image taken in 2015 showed that high resolution satellite images could be used to identify nesting Greater Snow Geese (see Appendix 1 in Cadieux et al. 2021). This method was applied in 2020 and again in 2021. We acquired two high-resolution (30 cm with an HD treatment to obtain a 15-cm resolution), orthorectified and georeferenced WorldView-3 images of portions of Bylot Island on two different dates: 20 June and 9 July 2021. Both images covered the main snow goose colony at the beginning and the end of the incubation period in a typical year. The second image also covered the Qarlikturvik Valley and nearby areas, which is the main study area for monitoring avian predators and lemmings.

Goose detection was carried out on both images over the same two areas where goose nesting activity was monitored in the field in previous years. The first one is a 20-ha area located in the centre of the colony and is intensively studied every year. The second area is composed of a variable number of 1 and 2-ha plots randomly located throughout the colony. However, presence of some clouds over the 20-ha area located in the center of the colony on the image taken on 9 July forced us to reduce the size of the area over which goose detection was carried out on that date. Detection of geese was carried out manually on enlargement of these images by one observer, and each white dot was digitized in a GIS software. In addition, detection was done using a deep learning algorithm that automatically detects geese on the satellite images (Appendix 1).

To determine goose pairs, we adapted the method developed in 2020 (for details, see Appendix 2 in Cadieux et al. 2021) by performing a cluster analyse on the white dots detected in June only (see Appendix 2). Two white dots ≤15 m from each other were considered a nesting pair. Assuming that each of those pairs was associated with a nest, we calculated nest density over the 20-ha area monitored every year and random plots located throughout the colony. We ignored the second image taken on 9 July for the determination of the nest density for two reasons. First, because of the presence of clouds on some portions of this image (see above). Second, due to a persistent cloud cover in July, the image was taken too late, when hatching was well underway as peak hatch was estimated at 10 July (see results). Thus, many geese had already left their nest on that date, which was confirmed by the presence of several goose family groups on that image. The unreliability of the second satellite image obtained in July prevented us from determining nesting success. Indeed, determination of the number of nests that failed can only be achieved by comparing the number of active nests between the beginning and the end of incubation, before any significant hatching occurs, which was unfortunately not possible in 2021.

Monitoring Snowy Owl nesting activity. — The search for potential Snowy Owls nests was carried out on the WorldView-3 image taken in July 2021 within a 56-km² area of the Qarlikturvik Valley traditionally searched for the presence of Snowy Owls in the field over the period 1993-2019. It is not possible to differentiate owls from geese on the image due to their similar body size. However, we take advantage from the fact that when Snowy Owls are nesting on Bylot Island, their nests are almost always surrounded by an aggregation of snow goose nests. Using the same approach as in the goose colony, one observer manually digitized white dots (geese) detected of

the image in a GIS software. We also applied the deep learning algorithm that we developed (see above) to this portion of the satellite image to detect geese automatically. We performed a cluster analysis on the white dots detected to identify potential goose nesting pairs (see Appendix 3, section3.1). We performed a second cluster analysis on these goose pairs to identify aggregations of goose nests that could be associated with Snowy Owl nests (for details, see Appendix3, sections3.2 and 3.3).

In August 2021, we visited the area of the Qarlikturvik Valley where potential Snowy Owl nesting sites were identified on the satellite images to confirm the presence of nest remains (for sites identified in 2020) or active nests (for sites identified in the 2021 image). Due to time constraints, only the southern portion of the Qarlikturvik Valley, where most presumed nests were located in 2020, could be searched. Two teams of four persons walked along a river and small streams checking all sites suitable for owl nesting (i.e. ridges, small mounds on gentle slopes or along ravines gullies). All potential nests (e.g. old cup with prey remains or pellets around) were recorded with a GPS.

Small mammals. — We sampled lemming abundance and demography using live traps. We trapped on 2 grids (330×330 m) in the Qarlikturvik Valley (one in wet meadow habitat and one in mesic habitat) with 144 traps per grid and on a 3^{rd} grid (200×340 m; 96 traps) in mesic habitat where a predator exclosure experiment was set up in 2012-2013 (the grid is surrounded by a chicken wire fence and covered by criss-crossing fishing line on top). We used Longworth traps set at each grid intersection every 30-m. We trapped for 3 consecutive days in mid-August. All trapped animals were identified, sexed, weighed and marked with electronic PIT tags or ear-tags (or checked for the presence of such tags).

Goose banding. — From 6 to 15 August, we banded geese with the assistance of a helicopter. Goose flocks of a few hundred birds were rounded up and driven by people on foot into a holding pen made of plastic netting. All captured geese were sexed and banded with a metal band, and all recaptures (web-tagged or leg-banded birds) were recorded. A sample of young and adults was measured (body mass and length of culmen, head, tarsus and 9th primary) and some adult females were fitted with coded yellow plastic neck-collars.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Environmental and weather data. — Temperatures in spring 2021 were near normal on Bylot Island and similar to 2020. Air temperature averaged -3.3°C (1.0°C lower than normal) between 20 May and 5 June, the period of goose arrival, and 3.3°C (0.8°C higher than normal) during 5-20 June, which is the most critical period for egg formation and egg-laying (Fig. 2). An almost complete snow cover persisted in the Qarlikturvik Valley until early June (snow cover was >95% until 8 June; Fig. 3). Although snowmelt initiation was slightly delayed, it was very rapid once initiated and earlier than in 2020, a late year, by about 4 days.

Spring migration phenology of geese. — Adult females equipped with a GPS/GSM transmitter reached North (55th parallele) around 8 juin 2021 (n = 54). Ten of these females arrived on Bylot Island around 10 June which is near the normal arrival date of geese in the Qarlikturvik Valley (peak arrival is typically around 7 June).

Goose nesting activity. — Among the ten geese equipped with a GPS/GSM transmitter that reached Bylot Island, we estimated that four attempted nesting in 2021. Their median egg-laying date was 13 June, which is close to the long-term average (12 June; Table 1) and similar to the value estimated in 2020. All four birds had a successful breeding attempt and their clutch hatched around 10 July (long-term average: 9 July). Based on the laying and hatching dates of these birds and goose incubation period (23 days), it was estimated that average clutch size was 2.8, which is lower than the long-term average (Table 1) and lower than the value estimated in 2020. However, one must consider that these parameters are based on a very small sample size compared to the data obtained from field monitoring in previous years and that clutch size is probably the parameter estimated with the lowest accuracy, especially because no field validation was conducted on nesting females equipped with GPS collars.

Based on the analyses of the satellite image, nest density estimated in the center of the colony was higher than last year (9.1 vs 8.4 nests/ha in 2020) and above the long-term average (Table 1). In the random plots distributed throughout the colony, nest density was similar to last year (4.2 vs. 4.4 nests/ha in 2020) and also above the long-term average (Table 1). A moderate number of goose nests (194) was also found in the Qarlikturvik Valley (predominantly a brood-rearing area), a value lower than in 2020 (489). However, it is possible that the actual number of geese that nested in that area was higher in 2021 since the estimate is based on an image that was likely acquired near the peak hatch date. The presence of nesting geese in the Qarlikturvik Valley was likely due to the presence of nesting Snowy Owls in the area for the second year in a row (see below).

Validation of the deep learning algorithm. — This algorithm was validated using the detection made by observers in the 2020 and 2021 images. Comparison of the number of geese detected on the satellite images manually and automatically by the deep learning algorithm suggests a very good performance of the algorithm. Overall, there was a 93% correspondence between geese detected manually by observers and automatically by the deep learning technology that we developed (see Appendix 1 for details across years and sites). However, the number of geese detected by the deep learning algorithm was generally higher than manual detection, with an overestimation of 14% on average. Since the discrepancy between manual and automated detection is significantly higher during the month of June (where patches of snow or ice are more likely to confuse the algorithm) than during the month of July, this suggests that the additionnal geese detected by the deep learning are likely made up of several false positives. Further improvements to our algorithm (see Appendix 1) will be needed to reduce the prevalence of these false positives.

Monitoring of Snowy Owls. — We detected the presence of agregations of goose nesting pairs in the portion of the Qarlikturvik Valley suitable for nesting Snowy Owls (see details of the analysis in Appendix 2). Therefore, we had strong evidence that Snow Owls nested for a second year in a row on Bylot Island. Based on the number of aggregations of goose nesting pairs detected, we estimated that 5 Snowy Owl nests were present in the Qarlikturvik Valley area in 2021 compared to 10 in 2020 over the same area. This yields a density of 0.09 owl nest/km² compared to the long-term average of 0.13 nests/km² in years when nesting Snowy Owls were detected.

During our ground searches in August 2021, we located 5 old snowy owl nests but due to the period of the year when we could access the site, it was difficult to determine if the nests were from 2021 or 2020. In one case we observed large owl chicks in the neighborhood, which confirms

the presence of nesting owls at this site. The analysis is still underway to determine if the potential owl nesting sites determined by the analysis of satellite images could correspond to the position of the owl nest sites found in the field in 2021.

Small mammals. — The number of lemmings captured during our live trapping, from 9 to 18 August, was very high with 486 Brown Lemmings and 4 Collared Lemming caught in total. A formal estimation of density using capture-recapture methods yielded an average of 15.5 lemmings/ha (excluding the predator exclosure grid), which is the highest value ever recorded (second highest value is 9.3 lemmings/ha in 2000; Fig. 4). In comparison, densities were 1.4 lemmings/ha in 2019 and 6.9 lemmings/ha in 2020 (inferred from the density of Snowy Owl nests in the latter case). This confirmed that we had a very high lemming peak in 2021.

Goose banding. — The banding operation was difficult this year due to bad weather in August. We conducted 10 drives between the Qarlikturvik Valley and the Camp 2 area. We banded 2160 geese, including 131 adult females marked with neck collars. In addition, we recaptured 98 adults that were banded in previous years. The young:adult ratio among geese captured at banding (1.02:1) was similar to the long-term average (1.03:1). Mean brood size toward the end of brood-rearing was 2.51 young (n = 104; counts conducted between 5 and 18 August) which is close the long-term average (2.49 young). By combining information on brood size and young:adult ratio at banding, we estimated that 81% of the adults captured were accompanied by young, a value near the long-term average (Table 1). Overall, these results are indicative of an average production of young on Bylot Island by the end of the summer.

CONCLUSION

For a second year in a row, access to the Bylot Island field site was not possible except for a brief 3-week peiod in August 2021. Although this allowed us to conduct some field work such as goose banding or the last session of lemming live-trappping, all field work that normally takes place from May to July such as monitoring of the nesting activities of geese and predatory birds, the breeding of foxes at dens or the goose grazing impact with exclosures could not be carried out. Therefore, we again had to rely on alternative methods to monitor the reproductive activity of Greater Snow Geese. The presence of some birds marked with GPS/GSM transmitters during their spring staging in southern Quebec allowed us to again track their migration to the Arctic and to infer reproductive parameters for a few of them that nested on Bylot Island although sample size was very small. The detailed analysis of a high-resolution satellite image enabled us to again estimate the nesting density of geese in some portions of the colony using the method that we developed in 2020. Moreover, we were able to develop a deep learning algorithm to automatically detect and position geese on the satellite images, thereby bypassing the time-consuming step of manually identifying individual geese on the image. We showed that the algorithm was very good in accurately detecting geese, which will allow us to quickly determine goose nesting density or total pair numbers across the whole colony if needed in the future. Future developments, such as applying filters to remove white rocks that are confounded with geese, should further improve its accuracy. Nonetheless, this approach also has its limitations as shown in 2021. The presence of a persistent cloud cover for sevreral days prevented us from acquiring a second, hi-quality satellite image of the goose colony near the end of incubation. The image that we finally obtained still had a few clouds over parts of the colony and was taken when goose nests had started to hatch, which made it impossible to assess goose

nesting success by comparing the number of nesting pairs present in early and late incubation in the core of the colony.

The indicators of goose reproduction that we could estimate on Bylot Island yielded mixed signals for 2021. Snow melt was near average, a few days ahead from last year, and nesting density in the colony was high, suggesting a high breeding effort. Nesting phenology of radio-marked geese was near normal but clutch size was low. However, this was based on a small sample size of radio-marked birds and presence of a transmitter has been shown in the past to delay nesting or reduce clutch size in geese. Therefore these results must be interpreted with great care. Lemming density was high and snowy owls nested, conditions that are generally associated with a high nesting success of geese. When lemmings are high, predators like Arctic Foxes divert their attention from goose eggs to that prey and high nesting density can dilute the impact of predators at the population level. Nesting associations of geese with Snow Owls provide a refuge from predators and also favour high nesting success. However, the lack of a suitable satellite image near the end of goose incubation did not allow us to determine nesting success.

Despite the high breeding effort and high lemming density, the proportion of young recorded in our catches at banding shows that production of geese on Bylot Island was near average in 2021. As lemmings were already high in 2020, we can expect that production of foxes was also high that year and that winter survival was also high considering that lemming density remained high in 2021. It is therefore possible that a high density of foxes on the island in 2021 increased predation rate on goose eggs and goslings, thereby reducing the production of young. Moreover, we have no information of food conditions for growing goslings during the summer as we were not able to sample plant production in wetlands of Bylot Island for a second year in a row.

Based on the young:adult ratio recorded at banding, we predicted a percentage of young in the fall flock of 21%. This turned out to be an accurate prediction as the percentage of young measured during juvenile counts conducted by the Canadian Wildlife Service in southern Quebec in fall 2021 was precisely 21% (n = 24,476). This production is higher than in 2020 (16%) and near the long-term average since the inception of the spring harvest in Quebec in 1999 (20%). The average brood size recorded during the fall counts was also higher in 2021 (2.50 young per family) than in 2020 (2.28) or than the loing term average (2.24; J. Lefebvre, pers. comm.). This suggests that overall breeding conditions for Greater Snow Geese on Bylot Island were representative of those experienced throughout their breeding range in 2021 and its confirms that production of young was relatively good.

In conclusion, we believe that the combination of remote sensing tools and late season field work yielded satisfactory results in 2021. Remote sensing tools appear efficient to estimate goose nesting density, including at a large spatial scale thanks to our deep learning algorithm which allows automating the goose detection process on satellite images. However, remote sensing tools proved to be less reliable to estimate other parameters such as goose nesting success due to the difficulty of obtaining two cloud-free images at very precise dates (beginning and end of incubation). Nonetheless, we believe that additional field validation of goose nesting parameters and presence of nesting owls inferred from the analysis of satellite images is advisable and we hope to achieve that in 2022 if we have a full field season on Bylot Island.

PLANS FOR 2022

The long-term objectives of our work are to study the population dynamics of Greater Snow Geese, and the interactions between geese, plants, and their predators on Bylot Island. A major focus of the project is to monitor changes in demographic parameters (such as survival rate, hunting mortality, breeding propensity, reproductive success, and recruitment) and habitat (annual plant production and grazing impact) in response to the spring conservation harvest and other special management actions implemented since 1999 in Canada and since 2009 in the United States. Other aspects of the project include *i*) understanding better the links between events occurring during the spring migration and the subsequent reproduction of geese; *ii*) studying indirect interactions between snow geese and lemmings via shared predators; *iii*) studying the ecology of the main predator of geese, the Arctic Fox; and *iv*) assessing the impact of climate change on goose reproduction and the carrying capacity of the habitat for geese. In 2022, we will resume field work in order to:

- 1) Monitor productivity (egg laying date, clutch size and nesting success) and nesting distribution of Greater Snow Geese on Bylot Island.
- 2) Study the migration phenology of geese and its impact on reproductive success.
- 3) Mark goslings in the nest to provide a sample of known-age individuals to assess the growth and pre-fledging survival of goslings by their recapture in late summer.
- 4) Band goslings and adults at the end of the summer to continue the long-term study of demographic parameters such as survival and breeding propensity.
- 5) Monitor the abundance of lemmings and study their demography in relationship with snow conditions and the impact of predation on their cyclic fluctuations of abundance.
- 6) Monitor the breeding activity of other bird species, in particular avian predators (Snowy Owls, jaegers, Glaucous Gulls and Rough-legged Hawks).
- 7) Monitor the breeding activity of foxes at dens.
- 8) Capture and mark adult foxes and their pups to study their movements, demography and foraging activity.
- 9) Sample plants in exclosures to assess annual production and the impact of goose and lemming grazing on plant abundance in wet meadows.
- 10) Maintain our automated environmental and weather monitoring system.

In 2022, 6 graduate students will be involved in the Bylot Island snow goose project. **Frédéric LeTourneux** (PhD) will complete his study of the impact of recent management actions on the survival and population dynamics of snow geese. **Mathilde Poirier** (PhD) will complete her study on the population dynamics of lemmings and the interaction between lemmings and snow. **Gabriel Bergeron** (PhD) will start his study on seasonal Arctic food-web modeling. **Thierry Grandmont** (MSc) will complete his study on the timing of snow goose migration and its effect on reproduction. **Ilona Grentzmann** (PhD) will continue her study on the effect of senescence on the population dynamics and physiology of snow geese. Finally, **David Bolduc** (MSc) will continue his study on the impact of the ermine on lemmings.

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Table 1. Productivity data of Greater Snow Geese nesting on Bylot Island over the past decade.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Average ²
Number of nests monitored	375	451	491	347	337	342	277	422	580	487	
Nest density in the core of the colony (n/ha)	5.24	8.85	7.89	9.26	5.50	8.14	3.46	5.70	8.35	9.09	4.93
Nest density in random plots (n/ha)	1.62	3.39	3.39	2.73	3.70	3.41	3.35	4.38	4.41	4.15	2.54
Median date of egg-laying	12 June	13 June	11 June	12 June	13 June	11 June	14 June	7 June	12 June ³	13 June ³	12 June
Clutch size	3.80	3.58	3.85	3.48	3.36	3.53	3.50	4.04	3.67^3	2.75^{3}	3.71
Nesting success ¹	54%	67%	91%	77%	73%	56%	50%	82%	64%		67%
Median date of hatching	9 July	10 July	8 July	9 July	9 July	8 July	11 July	4 July	11 July ³	10 July ³	9 July
Ratio young:adult at banding	0.92:1	1.10:1	1.19:1	0.99:1	0.91:1	0.88:1	0.94:1	1.20:1		1.02:1	1.03:1
Brood size at banding	2.54	2.51	2.58	2.08	2.35	2.14	2.34	2.65		2.51	2.49
Proportion of adults with young at banding	73%	88%	92%	95%	78%	83%	81%	91%		81%	83%

Mayfield estimate.
 Period 1989-2019. Data from 2020 and 2021 are not included in the long-term average because different protocols were used.
 These values are only based on the GPS-tracking of 4 females that nested on Bylot Island.

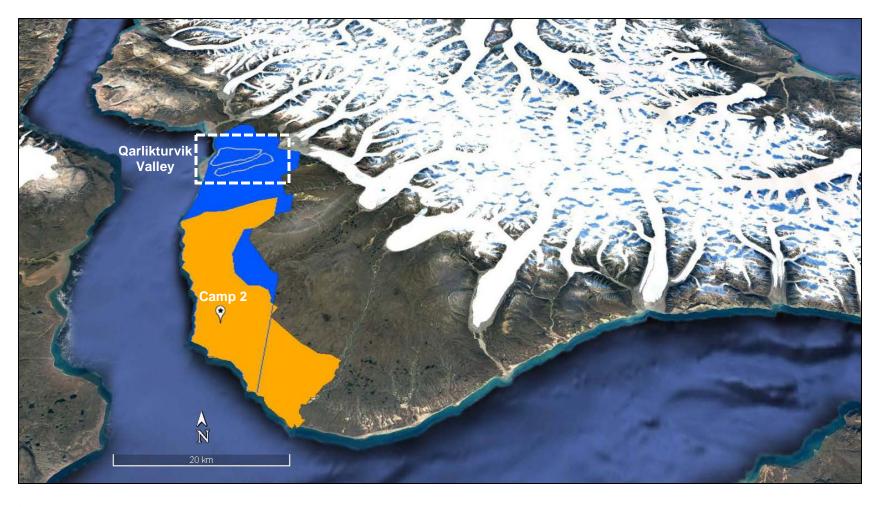


Figure 1. Location and coverage of the two high-resolution (30 cm with an HD treatment to obtain a 15-cm resolution) images acquired from the WorldView-3 satellite on Bylot Island. The orange polygon represents the image taken on 20 June 2021 and the blue polygon the image taken on 9 July 2021. The MODIS images (500-m resolution) were obtained for the Qarlikturvik Valley and the polygons used for the analyses are outlined in white.

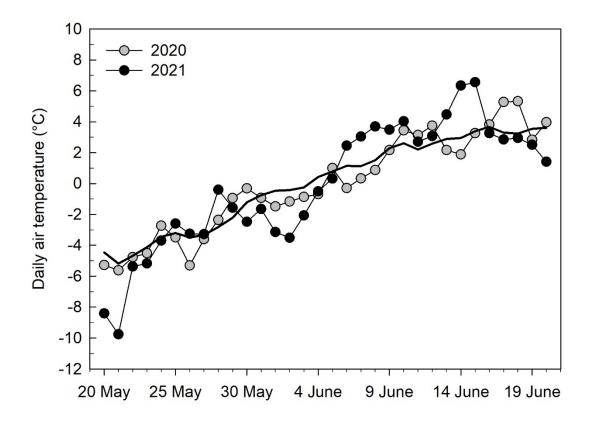


Figure 2. Daily air temperature recorded in the Qarlikturvik Valley of Bylot Island during spring. The thick solid black line represents the mean air temperature since 1994.

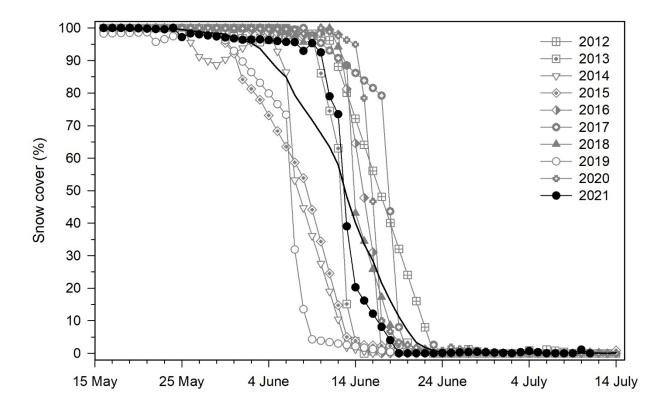


Figure 3. Annual daily snow cover of the lowlands of the Qarlikturvik Valley of Bylot Island estimated from the MODIS satellite data during the snow-melt season for the period 2011 to 2021. The thick solid black line represents the average snow cover since 2000.

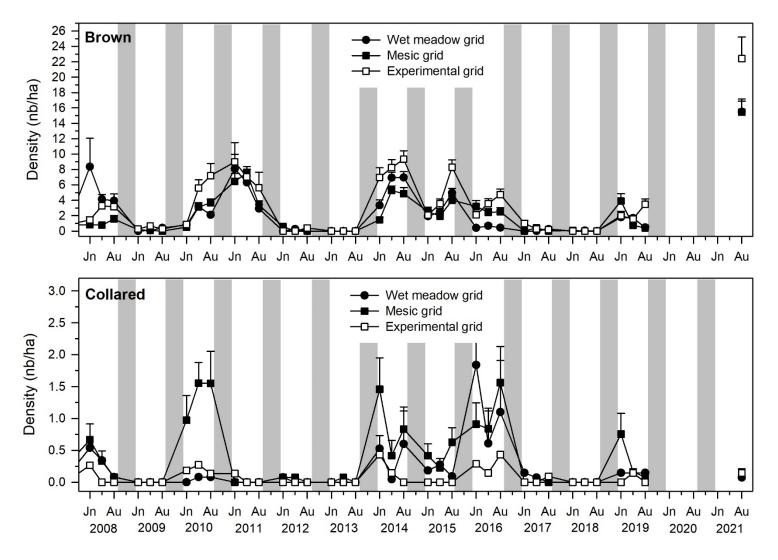


Figure 4. Annual summer density (+ SE) of Brown and Collared Lemmings on 3 trapping grids located in the Qarlikturvik Valley of Bylot Island over the past 14 years (snow cover was increased from 2008 to 2011 and predators were excluded from 2012 to 2021 on the experimental grid). The gray area indicates winter. Jn = mid-June, Au = mid-August.

APPENDIX 1

VALIDATION STUDY CONDUCTED USING A DEEP LEARNING ALGORITHM TO AUTOMATICALLY DETECT GEESE ON SATELLITE IMAGES

1.1 Dataset generation and image pre-processing

We developed a deep learning algorithm to automate the detection of Greater Snow Geese on high-resolution satellite images of Bylot Island. We used four Worldview-3 satellite images (30-cm resolution) taken in June and July 2020 and 2021. The Maxar HD synthetic super-resolution technology was applied to each image to increase the resolution to 15 centimeters because it is known to increase the performance of deep learning algorithms for small object detection (Shermeyer & Van Etten 2019).

A total of 4,680 geese were manually identified by observers on the satellite images, and 2,314 of them were used to train our algorithm. The spatial distribution of these geese is shown in Figure A1.1a and and a sample of the July 2021 satellite map is shown in Figure A1.1b.



Figure A1.1. (a) Geographical coordinates (black dots) of geese manually identified by observers on Bylot Island and (b) Sample of the July 2021 satellite image. Each white dot on the right image corresponds to a goose.

Geese have an average signature of 3 x 3 pixels and can be easily identified depending on the nature of the landscape on which they are found (see Figure A1.2). Using the geospatial coordinates of the manually identified geese, we constructed a training dataset by randomly generating 4 images of size 200 x 200 pixels in the 20 x 180-pixel neighborhood of each of goose, for a total of 9,256 images. This data augmentation technique, called *random cropping* in the field of machine learning, facilitates the training of a deep learning algorithm in a low-data regime and can improve its accuracy (Shorten & Khoshgoftaar 2019). The size of the image was also chosen after a sensitivity study in which we tested numerous image dimensions to determine at which input size the performance of the algorithm started to decrease. Since it started to decrease rapidly beyond 200 pixels, we chose this dimension to optimize both the performance and the runtime of our algorithm.



Figure A1.2. Examples of what a snow goose looks like on a satellite image at the level of individual pixels.

1.2 Algorithm architecture and training procedure

The architecture of our detection algorithm is called Faster R-CNN (Shaoqing et al. 2015). This state-of-the-art neural network procedure is made of two parts and accepts as input an image of 200 x 200 pixels, which is first processed by a block that extracts its main features. These features correspond to a representation of the image synthesized by the algorithm. Once extracted, these features are then analyzed by a second block, whose role is to detect snow geeese on the input and determine bounding boxes around them. Our algorithm produces as an output a list of bounding boxes, which are also associated with a confidence level between 0 and 1. Each bounding box therefore corresponds to a potential goose. For the validation study of our algorithm, we chose to consider only the bounding boxes for which the confidence level of the algorithm was greater or equal to 0.80. Examples of bounding boxes produced by our algorithm are shown in Figure A1.3.

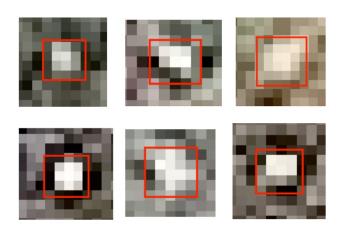


Figure A1.3. Bounding boxes determined by the neural network for six geese in our dataset

When used for object detection tasks, the neurons of a deep learning algorithm are usually initialized with values learned on datasets containing multiple natural images. In our case, we initialized the values of the neurons in the first block of our algorithm with those learned on the ImageNet dataset (Deng et al. 2009) and the ones in the second block with those learned on the Microsoft COCO dataset (Lin et al. 2014). The numerical values of the neurons of the neural

network are then adjusted to specific detection tasks during training. This pre-training that is commonly used for computer vision tasks is essential to accelerate training and improve accuracy.

1.3 Results

We scanned the entirety of the four satellite images acquired with our trained algorithm to detect snow geese over the entire study area. Table A1.1 and A1.2 respectively compare the number of geese detected with manual and automated detection for the month of June and July of the years 2020 and 2021.

Table A1.1. Comparison of goose detection on satellite images between manual observers and the deep learning algorithm for the month of June.

Study		Number o	f geese detected		Overestimation	
year	Nesting area	Manual detection	1		(%)	
2020	Colony	436	546	92	20	
	Random plots	318	471	89	32	
2021	Colony	544	602	95	10	
	Random plots	229	229	93	0	

Table A1.2. Comparison of goose detection on satellite images between manual observers and the deep learning algorithm for the month of July.

Study		Number of	geese detected		Overestimation	
year	Nesting area	Manual Deep learning detection algorithm		Match (%)	(%)	
2020	Colony	407	447	94	9	
	Random plots	335	360	92	7	
	Qarlikturvik Valley	633	721	97	12	
2021	Colony	237	220	90	-7	
	Random plots	143	129	88	-10	
	Qarlikturvik Valley	292	812	100	64	

We can see that the algorithm is able to match the manual detection by more than 90% in almost all cases. However, the number of geese detected by our deep learning algorithm is generally higher than the one obtained by manual detections. Indeed, because the difference is most pronounced in June, when the presence of snow and ice is likely to confuse the algorithm more often, this suggests that the additional number of geese detected by our algorithm are probably made up of several false positives.

White rocks on Bylot Island are also often mistaken for geese, which can explain the high number of false positives in the Qarliktuvik Valley in 2021. In 2021, the 2020 and 2021 images were compared during manual detection to remove rocks from the count. The number of geese detected manually in the Qarliktuvik Valley is therefore much higher in 2020, possibly because several white rocks were incorporated in the goose counts that year. A similar approach could be undertaken with the deep learning algorithm to significantly reduce the number of false positives

caused by white rocks. We could superpose geese detected by our algorithm in 2020 and 2021 and remove from the count the white dots detected at the exact same location for both years. Because the visual appearance of a goose and a white rock are nearly the same on a satellite image, this would likely be one of the the most rigorous way to remove these false positives.

A preliminary analysis has also shown that false positives are predominantly found in habitats where geese do not usually nest (riversides, water, mountains, etc.). Restricting the detection of snow geese on favorable areas only would also significantly reduce the number of false positives.

In the coming year, we plan to improve our algorithm through the integration of both white rock removal and habitat-specific detection. Once the knowledge of our biological system will be better integrated into our algorithm, we should be able to accurately obtain the abundance of snow geese over the entire study area. We should be able to validate the accuracy of our improved algorithm in 2022 by conducting simultaneously goose population monitoring in the field and goose detection on new WorldView satellite images of Bylot Island. This comparison should allow us to determine whether the developed methodology can truly constitute a reliable alternative to field work-based population monitoring.

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APPENDIX 2 METHOD USED TO PAIRING GEESE DETECTED ON A SATELLITE IMAGE

The satellite image was imported in a GIS software and divided into 100×100 m cells. Geese were clearly visible as white dots on enlargement of the images (Fig. A2.1) although we could not exclude the possibility that sometimes two geese side-by-side could appear as a single dot. In a first step, one observer (MCC) identified all the white dots (i.e., geese) manually and digitized their position (Fig. A2.2A). The distance between all geese detected was calculated (Fig. A2.2B) and these distances were used to compute a cluster tree. The cluster was cut at 15 m to determine goose pairs (Fig. A2.2C and A2.2D). This meant that two geese detected on the satellite images that were \leq 15 meters from each other were considered a nesting pair, otherwise, we assumed that only one individual of the pair was detected or that both individuals were too close to each other to be detect as separate geese. This threshold distance was based on an analysis of the nearest neighbor of nests monitored in the goose colony between 2016 and 2019 (n = 611) which indicated that 75% of goose nests were separated by \geq 15m.

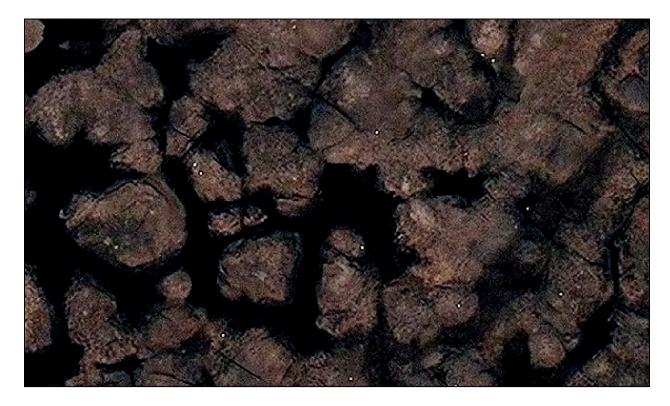


Figure A2.1. Close-up of a portion of the satellite images acquired on 20 June 2021 showing geese as white dots in the Bylot Island goose colony.

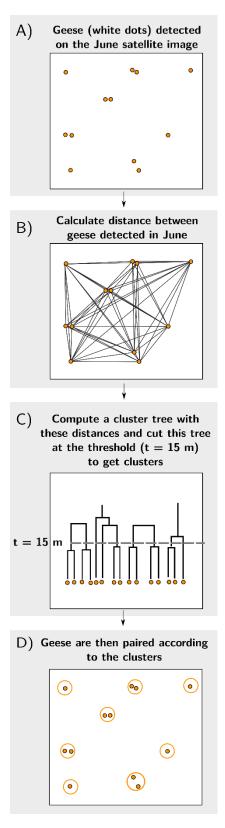


Figure A2.2. Diagram illustrating the method used to pair geese (or white dots) detected on the satellite image.

APPENDIX 3 DETAILED METHOD USED TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF SNOWY OWL NESTS

3.1. Analysis of the satellite image

The search for potential Snowy Owl nests was carried out by one observer (ED) on the satellite image of the Qarlikturvik Valley taken on 9 July 2021 (see Fig. 1). A search for nesting owls was conducted over a 56-km² area, which has been searched every year in the field for presence of this species since 1993. Within this area, 24 km² of highquality habitat for owls were systematically searched, paying special attention to nesting sites previously used by owls over the period 1993-2019 and other suitable sites such as ridges. To maximize the coverage of the whole area, a number of 500 × 500 m cells were also systematically distributed in low quality nesting areas for owls and searched (Fig. A3.1). It was not possible to differentiate owls from geese on the image due to their similar body size. However, we took advantage from the fact that when Snowy Owls are nesting on Bylot Island, their nests are almost always surrounded by an aggregation of snow goose nests, which benefit from a predator exclusion area created by owls within a few hundred meters of their nest (Tremblay et al. 1997, Bêty et al. 2001). Using the same approach as in the goose colony (see Appendix 2), the observer manually digitized white dots (geese) detected on the image in a GIS software. We performed a cluster analysis on the white dots detected to identify potential goose nesting pairs as in the analysis done in the goose colony (see Appendix 2).

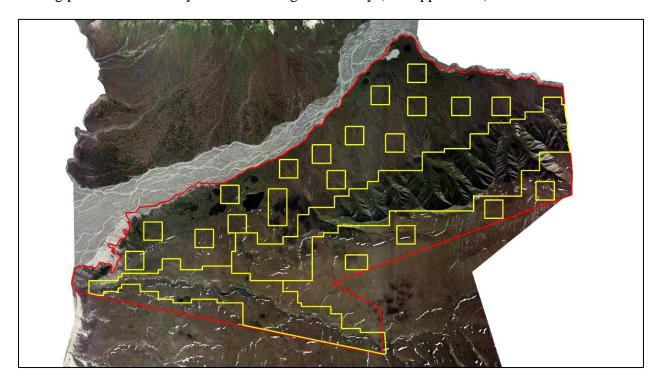


Figure A3.1. Portion of the satellite image taken on 9 July 2021 (see Fig. 1) showing the Qarlikturvik Valley where a search for potential Snow Owls nests was carried out. The yellow lines enclosed areas that were systematically searched by the observer and the red line delimits the 56-km² search area.

3.2. Parametrization of the cluster analysis of nesting aggregations of snow geese

We performed a second cluster analysis on goose pairs detected on the satellite image to identify nesting aggregations that could be associated with Snowy Owl nests. We used historic data on the spatial distribution of goose nests in the Qarlikturvik Valley during seven years with presence of owls between 1993 and 2014 to determine patterns of goose nest agregations around Snowy Owl nests that were closely monitored in the field.

We ran a separate cluster analysis in each year to identify goose nest aggregations. Identification of aggregations critically depends on the distance threshold used as cut-off point in this analysis. The distance threshold is the maximum possible distance between two nests belonging to the same cluster. Based on analyses performed in 2020, we determined that the best match between the number of goose nest aggregations detected by this method and the number of real snow owl nests censused in the field in those years was obtained when the threshold value varied from 1250 to 1750 m (further details can be found in Appendix 3 of Cadieux et al. 2021). These thereshold values were thus retained here.

3.3. Estimating the number of Snowy Owl nests

We applied the same cluster analysis that we ran on the historic data (see above) to the goose nesting pairs identified on the satellite image of the Qarlikturvik Valley in 2021. However, we increased the minimum number of goose nesting pairs required to identify an aggregation of nests. We had retained aggregations of >3 goose nests in the historic data because in some years, search of goose nests around owl nests was not exhaustive. In contrast, the search of goose nesting pairs on the satellite images was very thorough and likely more exhaustive than in the field. Therefore, to avoid detecting an unrealistic high number of aggregations of goose nesting pairs in 2021, we increased this minimum value to 8 because, in the historic data, most owl nests censused were surrounded by 8 or more goose nests. We evaluated the sensitivity of our estimation of the number of goose nest aggregations to the distance threshold specified in the cluster analyses by using three values with the range previously identified (1250, 1500 and 1750 m), and to the minimum number of goose nesting pairs in an aggregation by varying this number from 7 to 9. Based on these criteria, we estimated between 5 and 7 potential Snowy Owl nests over the 56 km² monitoring area (Table A3.1). We chose to report the value associated with the midpoint of the parameter values used in the sensitivy analysis (distance threshold of 1500 m and aggregations with a minimum of 8 nesting pairs), which is 5 owl nests. The spatial distribution of the aggregations of goose nesting pairs identified in 2021 by the cluster analysis based on these parameter values is shown in Fig. A3.2.

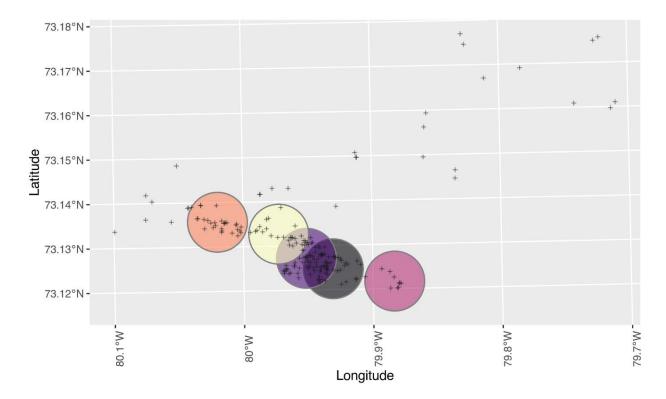


Figure A3.2. Aggregations of goose nesting pairs (colored circles) identified in the Qarlikturvik Valley area in 2021 by the cluster analysis when using a distance threshold of 1500 m and a minium of 8 goose pairs by aggregations. Grey + represents individual nesting pair identified on the satellite image.

Table A3.1. Number of potential Snowy Owl nests present in the Qarlikturvik Valley of Bylot Island in 2021 according to two sets of parameter values retained for the analysis.

Minimum number of goose nests	Maximum possible distance between nesting pairs belonging to the same cluster				
in an aggregation	1250 m	1500 m	1750 m		
7	7	5	5		
8	7	5	5		
9	7	5	5		

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- C.129. Gauthier, G. 2012. Long-term changes in the Bylot Island tundra food web: a 20-year case study in the Canadian High Arctic. *Conference Tundra Change The ecological dimension*. Aarhus, Denmark.
- C.128. Fauchald, P., D. Ehrich, J. Schmidt, K. Klokov, F. S. I. Chapin, D. Berteaux & V. Hausner. 2012. The importance, management and status of harvested animals in the Arctic tundra ecosystems. *4th International Conference EcoSummit*, Columbus, OH.
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