

Snowy Owl



Status: While there is little information available about long-term population shifts or trends, most Snowy Owl breeding areas in North America are remote from human disturbance

Distribution: Arctic to as far south as Florida, Texas and California.

Field Marks: Snowy owls are mostly white with narrow, sparse brown bars and spots. Their gold colored eyes are smaller than most owls.

Voice: Call of the male is a loud, harsh, grating bark, while the female has a similar higher pitched call. Other calls include rattling cackles, shrieks, hissing, and bill-snapping.

Behavioral Clues: Unlike most other owl species, snowy owls hunt mainly in the daytime. They are nomadic, following food sources.

Nest: The Snowy Owl nests almost exclusively on the ground.

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Migrates from the Shedd
Aquarium to the Arctic
Tundra.

