

Snowy Owl

General Comment

The ghost like Snowy Owl has unmistakable white feathers that help it blend in to its Arctic home.

Breeding

These large owls breed in the Arctic, where females lay a nest of 3 to 11 eggs. Egg size depends upon the availability of food.

Parents are territorial and will defend their nests against all predators' even wolves.

Hunting

The Snowy Owl is a patient hunter that perches and waits to identify its prey before soaring off in pursuit. Snowy Owls have keen eyesight and great hearing, which can help them find prey that is invisible under thick vegetation or snow cover. A snowy Owl's preferred meal is Lemmings. An adult may eat more than 1,600 Lemmings a year, or three to five every day. The birds supplement their diet with rabbits, rodents, birds, and fish.

Predators

The Snowy Owl has a few predators like Weasels, people, Foxes, and Prairie Dogs.

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