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Dear Nick: The Snowy Owl pict bro't several long distance phone calls yesterday + today so the total is now 23 in Iowa and one reported along the Miss. River above Hannibal, Mo.

But not one Northern Finch other than a few Purple Finches. And not one Evening Grosbeak.

One rural Knoxville lady phoned to tell me about her Mockingbird with a slightly lame leg. And an unusual taste in food. It loves mince pie! She says she is going broke feeding it costly raisins.

Our Snowy seen on the Lake side slope of Red Rock dam Jan 1 has not been seen again tho I have a hunch it hasn't left those thousands of ducks.

One man east of Newton watched a Snowy take one of his tame Mallards but did not shoot it, apparently quite interested in wildlife and fascinated by the beauty of the Owl.

Map enclosed of Snowy sightings to date.

Sincerely,
Blady Black