

Fall 1984  
Iowa

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Snowy Egret - 8                      12 August 1984  
Missouri River floodplain just south of the ~~Missouri~~ Bridge  
to Nebraska City; Fremont County

Description: White herons, feeding actively in shallow water.  
Bills black. Base of bill or bare skin of face yellow. Feet  
bright yellow. Legs black in front + greenish behind.

Similar species: The black bill eliminates Great Egret +  
Cattle Egret. Immature Little Blue Herons have uniformly  
colored legs. Both Great Egrets + Little Blues were present + they  
were not feeding actively like the Snowys - not running around, that is

Viewing conditions: the herons were on the other side of a  
Flooded field, rather far, 100 yds? I really don't know.  
Mid afternoon, looking east with a 20x scope. I watched  
a long time, until I was sure of them, + they were there when  
I left. No books. Nobody else was there, but I called a  
rare bird alert at Omaha and ~~the~~ several others saw  
these birds over the next few ~~year~~ days.

Written 28 Nov. from notes  
taken to describe the birds  
at the time

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