

# PADELFORD

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## ✓ Prairie Falcon

Date of Observation: Nov. 15, 1980

Duration of observation: 3 minutes

Location: DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

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Approximately a mile south of headquarters on the main road we observed a large falcon with black axillars fly across the road about 50 yards ahead of us. It was hunting and attempted to take a red wing blackbird. It then flew back across the road to a tree about 50 yards from us on the east side of the road. We studied the bird through a 25 power Bushnell scope for approx. 2 minutes & noted the brown line dropping straight down from the eye, the white eye line and a light colored breast with vertical brown striping. The bird then flew away to the east.

## Snowy Owl (Harrison County)

✓ On Nov. 14, a snowy owl in very white plumage was reported along Hwy 30 a half mile east of the Wilson Island Road. The observers were Dean Knauer and Dave Menke of DeSoto Refuge. The following day, Nov. 15, we went to see the bird, and found a very white snowy owl a mile north of Hwy. 30 about a mile from the original sighting.

*If you want documentation on the snowy owl, contact Dave Menke at the Desoto NWR.*

*Loren Padelford*