

What species? Snowy Owl How many? 1
 Location? "Orchard" area on Desoto National Wildlife Refuge
 Type of Habitat? Scattered trees
 When? date(s): 12/16/89 time: 2:00pm. to 2:01pm
 Who? your name and address: Robert Starr, Council Bluffs.
 Others with you: none
 Others before or after you: no one else saw it.

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.


Head & Neck: rounded head, short neck, black bill.

Eyes & Lores: yellow eyes,

Mandibles: black

Underparts: white w/ black spots (small)

Upper parts: white w/ black spots.

Rectrices: white w/ black oval shaped spots 

Wings: white w/ black spots, rounded shaped.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
 If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Clear, sunny day. Bushnell 7x35.

20 feet away.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

I have seen snowy owls several times before.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs. this form completed? 2 hrs.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).