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Animal Fact Sheet

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Snowy Owl

Bubo scandiacus

The Snowy Owl (Bubo scandiacus) is a formidable avian predator native to the Arctic's unforgiving tundra, a habitat that shapes its distinctive adaptations. This bird is among the largest owls, with …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Strigidae
Habitat: Arctic tundra
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 9-10 years in the wild
Weight: 1.6–3 kg
Scientific name: Bubo scandiacus

Did you know?

- Unlike most owls, female and juvenile Snowy Owls have more extensive dark barring, while adult males can be almost pure white.
- Snowy owls are known to travel great distances outside their breeding season, sometimes appearing as far south as the northern United States. This ph…

What I learned

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