

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: Snowy Owl | Nyctea scandiaca
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name) Number: 1
3. Location: LAKE ISABEL COLORADO
4. Date(s): Dec. 25, 1971 5. Time bird seen: A.M. to
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field): Seen three times in morning. Soaring over valley in mountainous area.
Large white bird. Rounded head. Round wings.
Round tail. darkening toward wing tips.
7. Description of voice, if heard: No
8. Description of behavior: Soaring in valleys in mountains in daytime
9. Habitat - general: Mountain Valley
specific: Ponderosa pine, aspen, rocky top. Small lake & stream
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
11. Distance (how measured?): First time, above me, in bright sunshine - 50'
12. Optical equipment: 8x40 binocs
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): Bright sunshine
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: Car killed a snowy owl in 1949
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? Not usually seen
16. Other observers: none
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
Birds of N. Am.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)