

## Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form

(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

rec'd 6/6/02

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-01

RESULTS:

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Species: (Common Name) **Snowy Owl**

(Scientific Name) **Nyctea scandiaca**

Date(s) of occurrence: **02/16/02**

Number of birds seen: **One**

Sex: **?Female**

Plumage: **Immature**

Exact location: **County Rd. 89, north of Riverside Reservoir**

County: **Weld**

Nearest town: **Masters**

Elevation:

Length of observation: **10 minutes**

Time(s) of observation: **9 a.m.**

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: **None**

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): **MOB**

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: **Clear and calm**

Optical equipment used: **Leica 8 X 42 & Swarovski scope with 20-60 zoom**

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): **A long way!**

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? **Yes**

If so, are you submitting photos? **Yes**

Who took the photograph(s)? **Joey Kellner (good photo) & Rachel Kolokoff (bad photos)**

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: **Grassland/Agricultural**

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: **Sitting on a fence post.**

**DESCRIPTION** -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. **Please see photos.**

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted:

**SIMILAR SPECIES** -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: **No doubt about ID. Please see photos.**

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? **I have seen 2 other Snowy Owls**

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): **None**

This report was made from (check one) \_\_\_ notes made during observation \_\_\_ notes made after observation **X** later from memory.

Date and time of written report: **03/03/02**

Reporting observer: **Rachel Kolokoff**

Signature: **Rachel Hopper**

Reporting observer's address: **1721 Cottonwood Pt. Dr.**

City: **Ft. Collins**

State: **CO**

Zip: **80524**

**Send report to:**  
**Colorado Bird Records Committee**  
**Tony Leukering**  
**PO Box 660**  
**Brighton, CO 80601**



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2/27/02

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-010

**RESULTS:**

Species: (Common Name) Snowy Owl

(Scientific Name) *Nyctea scandiaca*

Date(s) of occurrence: February 17 and February 22, 2002

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: unknown

Plumage: white with some variable barring \*

Exact location: Cty. Road 89 5 miles north of Riverside Reservoir – turn east on a rutted gravel road to the first set of fence posts on the north side (January 17) and further east on same rutted gravel road to the second set of fence posts close to old water tank.

County: Weld County

Nearest town: East of Greeley

Elevation:

Length of observation: 45 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 2 (see above)

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Bob Molison February 17; Joan Glabloch, Joyce Carlson, Jon Cobble on 2/22/2002

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): Andrew Spencer, Joey Kellner

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: February 17 cool sun; February 22 warm sun

Optical equipment used: Leica spotting scope - 20-60 lens

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 100 yards ?

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? no

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: shrubland

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: Size and shape of birds permitted immediate identification virtually without binoculars

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Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none heard

**SIMILAR SPECIES** – This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration:

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? no

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley and National Geographic

This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: February 23, 2002

Reporting observer: Ann Molison

Signature: *Ann Molison*

Reporting observer's address: 1307 Front Nine Drive

City: Fort Collins

State: CO

Zip: 80525

**Send report to:**  
**Colorado Bird Records Committee**  
**Tony Leukering**  
**PO Box 660**  
**Brighton, CO 80601**

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\* Description – On February 17 – at about 8:15 AM – the Snowy Owl we saw was very white – on front with some "barring". On February 22, I remarked to the other three who were observing this owl was how "dark" it appeared. It was up on a post – and facing in a similar direction and its "Bill" + "chest" were more heavily streaked or barred.

*Ann Molison*



## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD FORM

(Please print or type. Attach photographs, drawings, and additional pages if necessary.)

rec'd 2/26/02

Species: Snowy Owl Nyctea scandiaca  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s) of observation: 2/17/02Number of birds seen: 2 Sex: imm, 1 <sup>adult</sup> pressure Plumage: FemaleExact location: Sri Naf Riverside Res. on Weld County Rd. 89 d 1 mi eastCounty: Weld Nearest town: Masters (Dearfield) Elevation: ?Length of observation: 1 1/2 hrs. Times(s) of observation: ~ 12 - 130 pmOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Tom Sparr

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird's; position): good/ sun to our back, well litOptical equipment used: Leica 10x42, Howa TSN-821Distance from bird(s) (estimated unless otherwise noted): 50-75 yardsWas bird photographed?: no If so, have you submitted photographs? noWho took the photographs? —Describe the general and specific habitat in which the bird(s) occurred: high plains - on fence line. Moving in & out of concealment in tumble weed collected on two fence lines.

Describe the bird's behavior (flying; feeding; habits; behaviors used in identifying the species or in supporting the identification):

Both birds were on the ground moving in & out of cover along fence lines. The larger bird was far less interested in us. The younger owl didn't seem to like being watched & changed possible long fence to hide

Describe the bird(s) in detail. This is the most important part of this report. Include overall size and shape, and how you placed the bird(s) in the general group that you did. Give complete details of plumage, including head, throat, undersides, nape, back, wings, and tail. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Describe other details, such as color and shape of bill, legs, eye, (etc.) that were important in making the identification. (Fill out this portion even if photographs are submitted; you may attach additional sheets, drawings, field sketches, or copy of field notes):

Adult bird was quite large, with head reaching near the top line of barbed-wire fence while bird sitting on ground. Head well rounded, bright yellow eyes very visible. Very white with dark spots that seemed darker than the male birds that I've seen in Alaska.Describe bird's call or song: not heardThe Immature owl was farther away, but the spotting around neck & body was visible. The spots around neck formed a "collar" that is similar to that shown in Sibley's 1st yr. bird in flight.

Discuss similar species and how you eliminated them:

No other owls are this large and so very white.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Seen in Alaska & Hittu island. and spos.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

Natl. Geo. Birds of N. America, Sibley Guide to BirdsThis report was made from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ or after X observation, or later from memory \_\_\_\_\_.Date of written report: 2/17/02Reporting observer: Debra Sparr Signature: Debra Sparr

Observer's address:

Send report to: Mike Nowosky, 2919 Silverplume Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526

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**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**  
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rec'd 2/25/02

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-06

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name) Snowy Owl

(Scientific Name)

Date(s) of occurrence: Feb. 22, 02

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex:

Plumage: imm.

Exact location: east of WCR 89--2? Miles and 2 miles north of CR52 on ground in front of tumbleweed fence row--1/2 to 1 mile northeast of parking spot on dirt road.

County: Weld

Nearest town:

Elevation:

Length of observation: 40 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Ann Molison, Joyce??, Scott Cobble

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: warm, bright day 10-11 AM

Optical equipment used:

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted):

Was (were) bird(s) photographed?

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: open prairie--unplanted. Standing in front of fenceline filled with tumbleweed and later moved further under a tumbleweed in a reclining position

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: It was awake and swiveled its head several times

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: overall white appearance, but through scope white head and quite speckled back

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: Barn Owl--I have seen one--it did not have Barn Owl face and was widely reported on Cobirds by others as well as already had been found by Joyce and Scott

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? None with Snowy--I have personally identified a Barn Owl my husband and I found in Larimer Co.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

This report was made from (check one) \_\_\_ notes made during observation \_\_\_X\_\_\_ notes made after observation \_\_\_X\_\_\_ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 2/23/02

Signature: Joan M. Glabach

Reporting observer: Joan M. Glabach

Reporting observer's address: 904 Valley View Rd.

State: CO

Zip: 80524

City: Fort Collins

**Send report to:**  
**Colorado Bird Records Committee**  
**Tony Leukering**  
**PO Box 660**  
**Brighton, CO 80601**





rec'd - 2 Mar 02

**Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**

(this is a two page report-click at the bottom for page 2)

CBRC FILE #: 2002-00RESULTS: (A)

Print this page and then fill out. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species (please include common and scientific names): Snowy Owl "Nyctea scandiaca"Date(s) of Observation: February 23, 2002Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: ImmatureExact location: Approx 1.5 miles East of CR 89, 5 miles N. of CR 52 T intersect.County: Weld Nearest town: Masters Elevation: ?Length of observation: 30 minutes Time(s) of observation: 6:30 - 7:00 amOther observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Steve Messick, GreeleyOther observers who independently saw the bird(s): -Light conditions (quality, direction relative to bird(s) and observer(s) position): Clear but not sunny yet  
Bird was North of us, about 100 yds, on fencepostOptical equipment used: Scope, brand?. Bausch + Lomb binoculars, 8 x 24Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 100 yds, then 150 ydsWas (were) bird(s) photographed? No If so, are you submitting photos? -Who took the photograph(s)? -

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred:

Fields gone fallow

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

Bird perched on fencepost, facing North. Turned head 180° from time to time to look directly at us. Harassed by 2 Northern Harriers and 1 Ring-billed Hawk at times. Moved farther North to another post (about 50 more yards away) and <sup>later</sup> dropped out of sight (or flew, though we did not observe flight) while we turned our backs to identify a raptor to the click here for page 2 of this form South of us.

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**DESCRIPTION** -- This is the **most important** part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings - folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes. This bird was so light-colored it just jumped out at me. We saw mostly it's back, which was barred with brown/black feathers, but not heavily. The head was mostly white with darker feathers on it's backside that, at a distance, appeared to be a pair of eyes. The beak was dark, the eyes not dark, but could not see that they were yellow either. Did not see this bird fly unfortunately. It seemed to pick the moments I was scanning the area to move.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: No sounds heard.

**SIMILAR SPECIES** -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? Life bird sighting for me!

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation):

National Geographic, Sibley  
Field Guide

This report is from notes made from (check one) ☐ noted made during observation ☒  
noted made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Feb 26, 2002 4:30 pm

Reporting observer: Donna Emmons

Signature: Donna Emmons

Address: P.O. Box 20205  
Colorado City, CO 81019-2205

Send report to: Colorado Birds Record Committee, Tony Leukering, PO Box 660, Brighton,  
<http://www.cfo-link.org/reportform2.html>

2/24/02



rec'd 2/28/02

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CBRC FILE #: 2002-dq

RESULTS: A

Species: (Common Name) Snowy Owl

(Scientific Name) *Nyctea*

scandiaca

Date(s) of occurrence: 23 February 02

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: undetermined

Plumage:

immature

Exact location: 2 mi north of CR52 intersect on CR89/Weld Co., then right on track road with hanging rubber tire about .6 mi.

County: Weld County

Nearest town: Orchard, CO

Elevation: ?

Length of observation: 45 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 1:00

pm- 1:45 pm

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: 7 other birders

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): reported by J. Kellner, mob/COBIRDS

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: sunny, sun to our backs

Optical equipment used: scopes (Bushnell, Leica, others) as well as binocs (Celestron 9.5)

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): .2 - .3 mi ?

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? not by me

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: grassy/weedy field, sitting atop fencepost

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits:

*The owl remained perched the entire time I viewed it. The only movement was the occasional pivot of its head in each direction. It did seem to move its head 180 degrees in each direction!*

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*Against the darker field, the bird was an almost white oval shape. The pure white face and upper breast (almost a bib pattern, wide across the upper breast, then coming to a central point mid-breast, like the bottom half of a heart) were surrounded by dark barring against a white background on the belly and below, as well as on the wings, and crown of head. I did not see the back of the bird.*

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: did not hear any call

SIMILAR SPECIES - This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration:

This bird did not have the dark cinnamon wings and heart-shaped face of a Barn Owl. The distinctive white face eliminates other owls.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen immature Snowy Owls before, only in Colorado, tho. I have had many experiences with Barn Owls.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): National Geographic's Birds of N.A. to read about immature plumage

This report was made from (check one) ☒ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: 25 Feb 02, 9:15 pm (after reading prompt on COBIRDS about sending



2002-06

in reports)

Reporting observer: Tamie Bulow

Signature:

*Tamie Bulow*

Reporting observer's address: 99 S. Holland Street

City: Lakewood

Colorado Zip: 80226-1066

**Send report to: Colorado Bird Records Committee Tony Leukering PO Box 660**

**Brighton, CO 80601**



CFO-ORC-FILE# 2002-06

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rec'd 1 Apr 02

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS SIGHT RECORD

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Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: SNOWY OWL

(Common Name)

(Scientific Name) Nyctea scandiaca

Dates: February 29, 2002

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: Immature female or male

Plumage: Immature

Locality: NE of Riverside Reservoir; ~1 mile east of 89 rd.; 1 mi. north of S2 Rd.

Elevation: ?

Nearest town: Deerfield, Wiggins; Largentown - Ft. Morgan

County: Weld

Time observed: ~11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Duration of observation: LINDA ANDES-GEORGES

Other observers with me: 0

Other observers who saw the bird independently: . M.O.B.

Light conditions: EXCELLENT

Optical equipment: SWIFT NIGHTHAWK 80 MM SCOPE ON TRIPOD

Distance from bird: 100 YDS. TO 1/4 MILE

Describe the bird's behavior: DOZING ON GROUND AGAINST TUMBLE-STUDDED FENCE; ON POST; FLYING

Describe the bird: GOOD PLUMAGE - JUST LIKE IMMATURE IN SIBLEY (COULD SEE BARRING ON WEED BREAST; DARK "SKULLCAP")

Describe the bird's song and call if heard: —

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: PRAIRIE

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species: WHITE PLUMAGE (ESP. FACE); SIZE

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species: [NO. NORTH DAKOTA]

List books if they helped in your identification: SIBLEY, NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC 1979 - MANY BIRDS

This report was written from notes taken during —, or after observation X

— or from memory X.

Reporting observer: PAULA L. HANSLEY

Signature: Paula L. Hansley

Address: 34224 GAP RD  
GOLDEN, CO 80403

A coyote stalked the owl, which flew towards us & landed on a fence post when it escaped the coyote.