



Snowy Owl

MALE

Bubo scandiacus

May 2013

“Bosch”

SECURE

DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFICATION

The Snowy Owl is a large diurnal hunter, both male and female are mainly white in colour, although the female has brown/black barring in varying degrees over it's wings and body. The yellow eyes appear large, and the feathering is quite dense on the head. Tarsi and toes are heavily feathered.

HABITAT & LOCATION

Snowy Owls are circumpolar, found in extreme Northern areas of Alaska, Europe, Greenland, Russia and Siberia. In Winter, Snowy Owls migrate Southwards. They have been known to visit the Outer Hebrides and Shetland. They prefer tundra and open grasslands, nesting on raised mounds on the open tundra. Further South, they will frequent open areas, often agricultural ground.

NATURAL DIET

Staple diet lemmings and voles, will take other small mammals and birds such as squirrels, rats rabbits and prairie dogs. Will also take birds as large as Geese.

WEIGHTS & DIMENSIONS

Weight : Up to 4.4 lb, (2,000 g). **Length** : Up to 26" (68cm) **Wingspan** : Up to 65" (164cm)