



Dr. Hohn and J. Gadden with female Snowy Owl. Note dark plumage.



A. F. Oeming holding male Snowy Owl with nearly pure white plumage.

have spent countless hours observing Snowy Owls. I have had a ringside view of all their activities, including feeding. My unbiased contention is that we need the Snowy Owl in Alberta, economically and esthetically.

Let us forever preserve this noble Arctic visitor. Saskatchewan can help by instituting legislation similar to that in Alberta protecting all the birds of prey. The time to do it is now.

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Send in your report for the **ONE BEST DAY** between **December 21 and January 1**. (Note these dates carefully; they correspond with the dates chosen by the Audubon Society for the rest of the continent).

List the numbers of each species seen during that day. Following this, list other species seen between Dec. 21 and Jan. 1, other than on the day of the count. List numbers of individuals and the date seen for these birds. List species in the order of the Sask. Field Check-list, Peterson's Field Guide, or Taverner's "Birds of Canada."

If possible, the area should not be more than 15 miles in diameter. Preferably, six or more hours should be spent afield. Counts covering less than two hours will not be printed.

Note the date, hour of starting and of finishing, wind, temperature, whether clear or cloudy, and how many inches of snow. List the total party miles by car and on foot and the total party hours by car and on foot.

Send reports as soon as possible to **Dr. Stuart Houston, Box 278, Yorkton, Sask.**