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## PHOTO ESSAY

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### SNOWY OWL - GYRFALCON SCRAP, WHITE BUTTE, SK

On 4 February 2012, my husband and I were out hiking in White Butte, SK, and I was playing photographer. We found a few female snowy owls along the back road into Regina. One owl, perched on a telephone pole, was most perturbed by something in the area, and despite me directly underneath it kept staring off in the distance. Then it took off and landed on the ground nearby. It started posturing in weird ways with wings spread, so I thought another owl was in its territory. Suddenly a blur came in - a falcon! The gyrfalcon passed at the owl twice, with talons open. The owl hopped around and was quite incensed, all puffed up and cranky. The gyrfalcon went up to the top of the pole and glared back at the owl. Meanwhile the owl remained puffed up and most likely called out rude things to the falcon, ending with: "You're nothing more than a prairie chicken!" Ha. That last was just my imagination.

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