



Red Fox.

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## **SNOWY OWL PURSUES RED FOX EXHAUSTED BY SNOWMOBILER**

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On January 29, 1975, at approximately 3:20 p.m. I noticed a snowmobiler chasing a Red Fox. This was 6 miles south and 1 mile west of Kane, Manitoba (17 miles west of Morris). The weather was clear and cold with a temperature of about 0°F and a 10 MPH wind from the N or NW. The fox had come across a sec-

tion road and I estimated it had been running for a good half mile or more. On noticing my stopped car the snowmobiler took off to the west. I continued watching the fox from the east road with binoculars. The fox gradually stopped running after entering a cultivated field and remained very still, apparently exhausted by the chase. Then I noticed a male Snowy Owl come into view and make a pass about 5 feet over the fox. The fox raised itself and the owl then flew east toward my car; it perched on a telephone pole. The fox began to move off south, stopping and resting at approximately 50-foot intervals. As it did so, the Snowy Owl started soaring along a telephone line, landing a number of poles further down, following the fox. Both fox and owl finally went out of my view.

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