

Missouri Snowy Owl Invasion

Winter 2011-2012

Sightings updated as of January 13, 2012



1. November 22, Holt County, Nodaway Valley Conservation Area- reported on ebird by Dale Morris, "was sitting in the parking lot then flew a short distance to a field and was there most of the day was a very large owl mostly all white with some black markings"
2. November 29, Clay County, Smithville Lake, reported by Doug Willis. Female perched on a house on DD Hwy, south of lake.
3. November 29, Holt County, Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, reported by Cory Kudrna
4. December 2, Clay County, Smithville Lake, reported by Doug Willis. Second Snowy Owl at the lake found on the jetty at Crow's Creek
5. December 9, Clay County, Smithville Lake, group at lake including Rodney Wright, Trent Reed and Christine Kline confirm a third Snowy Owl
6. December 17, Livingston County, reported by Gene Carlton, Intersection Y and W
7. December 19, Chariton County, Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge, deceased. Brought into refuge. Will be mounted and displayed in visitors center
8. December 21, Holt County, reported by Kirby Goslee, North of Fortescue near the cemetery. Found during the Squaw Creek CBC
9. December 22, Carroll County, Diane Kinder reports a deceased snowy owl from a MDC employee. The owl had been in the area, but no further details available.
10. December 23, Clay County, Nancy Leo reports 5 Snowy Owls at Smithville Lake. Two were on dam, one on jetty at visitors center and 2 in a tree at Little Platte. First confirmed male owl among the five. (First of two previously unreported owls)
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12. December 23, Boone County, Edge Wade reports a Snowy Owl in Columbia, Holiday Inn Parking Lot. I-70 and Lake of the Woods exit. Possibly the owl that was brought into MU Vet School on December 27 and was found deceased the morning of December 28.
13. December 23, Clay County, near Cooley Lake Conservation Area. Deceased owl reported to MDC, salvaged by Linda Williams on December 27 from the roadside on Hwy 210 approximately one mile east of Cooley Lake. Specimen given to Mark Robbins/KU
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16. December 26, DeKalb County, MDC Employee found deceased owl on Hwy 36 near Cameron. Hit by car. Specimen given to Mark Robbins/KU
17. December 27, Gentry County, Snowy Owl reported and photographed by Stacey Gillip 3 miles north of King City on Hwy 169. She relocated the bird the following day at 8:10am 6 miles north of King City on Hwy 169 in flight.
18. December 28, Barry/Lawrence County, Jeff Cantrell of MDC reported that a Snowy Owl was found dead today near Monett, Missouri, which is on the Barry/Lawrence county line between Springfield and Neosho
19. December 30, Holt County, Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge, Snowy Owl at Pelican Pool reported to Christine Kline by several visitors
20. January 2, Jasper County, documented by Jeff Cantrell and photographed by Kay Thomas
21. January 4, Greene County, photographed by Jesse Edwards, one mile south of Hwy 60 between Hwy 125 and NN east of Springfield in Greene County.
22. January 5, Holt County, reported by Mark McNeely 7:10am flew south of Mound City, north of rest areas across I-29 and landed on a utility pole
23. January 6, Platte County, reported by SW Cain on N. Farley Road, 3 miles from Dr. Fredrick Marshall Conservation Area.
24. January 6, Clay County, deceased owl on levee by MO & KS River confluence- probably starved, specimen given to Mark Robbins/KU
25. January 6, Jackson County, deceased owl at downtown airport- probably starved, specimen given to Mark Robbins/KU
26. January 10, Vernon County, reported by Marti Gulick, on fence on west side of 71 Hwy, .8 miles south of M Hwy near '4 miles to Nevada' sign
27. January 10, Clay County, reported by Gail Goeke, Plattsburg Road, 4 miles south of Hwy 92
28. January 11, Boone County, reported by Denny Donnell, Bradford Farm owl perched on irrigation structure
29. January 12, Phelps County, reported by Elizabeth Te Grone, gravel road between Doolittle and Newburg, MO
30. January 12, Lincoln County, reported by Matt McAdams and photographed by Mick Hanan at BK Leach Conservation Area