

## **The Snowy Owl - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired**

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The northern tundra is the home of one of the most powerful and beautiful members of the owl family, the snowy owl.

*[Snowy owl on the ground]*

The female is not as brilliant white as the male. Her plumage is barred and makes her less conspicuous against the tundra.

The snowy owl's major source of food is the lemming. The availability of the lemming has a major effect on the owl population.

*[Snowy owl eating]*

She lays her eggs in a dent in the ground, which she scrapes herself.

*[Snowy owl nest with eggs]*

Incubation starts as soon as the first egg is laid, so the chicks hatch one after another, and there can be quite a difference in size between the oldest and the youngest.

*[Snowy owl and chicks on the ground]*

Striking features of the snowy owl are the feathery legs; even the claws are covered with dense, white feathers, and the large yellow eyes with their composed stare.

For more information about the snowy owl, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.