

He was surprisingly tame permitting me to stroke his prettily streaked head and indulge in other familiarities without resenting it or showing any uneasiness. After playing with him for some time I decided to persuade him to find a more secluded perch on which to rest and sleep during the day. A conspicuous site easily visible from a well travelled, concrete roadway is no place for an Owl to spend the day or even take a nap and certainly meant danger later when the crowds began to stroll about. Fearful of his claws I took a small stick and gently inserted it—or tried to—under his feet. Instead of flying away as I expected he simply lifted up one foot and then the other as he felt the stick disturb his equilibrium. Despairing of dislodging him in this way I attacked him from front and rear by tapping his foot with the stick and gently pressing his tail. The moment he felt the double attack he darted up in a panic, flew directly into a thorn apple tree and disappeared from sight. The most careful scrutiny of the tree and surrounding vegetation failed to disclose his hiding place and I left the vicinity elated with the adventure and happy in the belief that the little bird was safe, at least for the day.—ETTA S. WILSON, 9077 Clarendon Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Snowy Owl on the New Jersey Coast.—On December 22, 1930 David Leas and myself saw a Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) sitting on the beach below Beach Haven, N. J. The Owl appeared to be very tame and several times allowed a very close approach. Once we were able to approach to within about forty yards before the bird arose, apparently reluctantly, and moved on for a short distance. Finally after several such performances he flew out over the water to an island in the bay flying close to the water with a very slow wing beat and frequent soaring.—EARL T. HIGGONS, Penn Wynne, Pa.

Snowy Owl in Maryland.—While on a field trip along the Eastern Shore of Maryland with Mr. S. E. Perkins, III, information was brought to us concerning the capture of a Snowy Owl. We repaired to a meat and produce shop in Cambridge, Dorchester County, and were shown a good-sized specimen of *Nyctea nyctea*, its left wing broken by shot. It had been discovered on the morning of November 28, at Town Point, near Cambridge. When first seen it was perched on a fence post, warding off the attacks of a flock of angry Crows. The bird was in good condition, aside from the broken wing. Its movements were slow and deliberate, but altogether vicious. It was said to eat greedily bits of meat that had been thrown to it. It was heavily barred; length (approx.) 24 inches; weight 3½ lbs.—ROBERT P. ALLEN, Nat. Asso. Audubon Soc., New York.

Two interesting Notes from East Tennessee.—A Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) was shot at Johnson City on December 31, 1930, and sent to a taxidermist at Knoxville, where it was identified by the local bird club. According to A. F. Ganier this is the third record for the State.]

A Golden Eagle was taken in Monroe Co., January 3, 1931, which during

a snow storm had flown into a wire fence and become entangled. It was brought to Knoxville and offered for sale.—H. P. JAMS, *Knoxville, Tenn.*

Snowy Owl in Georgia.—Hearing that a Snowy Owl had been found in Hall County, Ga. and sent to Mr. D. V. Hembree of Roswell to mount I hurried out to his home on January 6 and verified the statement. It was a beautiful white specimen of *Nyctea nyctea*, a male bird with only a few marks on the wings and the upper part of the tail and a few buffy marks on the upper back or nape. It measured about 22.5 inches from bill tip to tail tip and had a wing spread of about 58 inches. Since then I have driven to Gainesville and out to the home of O. V. Buffington near Gillsville in Hall County. His place is in north Georgia, less than sixty miles from Atlanta, and about 25 miles north of the 34th degree of latitude. Mr. Buffington stated to me that he found the Owl dead, early on the morning of December 31, 1930, that it had apparently killed itself trying to get his chickens, as it was entangled in a barbed wire fence, its head under the middle strand, its wings over the top and its feet resting on a lower strand. He said that he had seen it several times for a month or six weeks and that it had killed 34 out of 37 of his chickens. There are very few if any records for this species for Georgia and it may indicate that another southern invasion is taking place.—EARLE R. GREENE, 642 Orme Circle, Atlanta, Ga.

A Snowy Owl from Coastal Georgia.—On February 8, 1931, I shot a female Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) inside old Fort Pulaski. The fort is on Cockspur Island, in the salt water marshes and about fourteen miles east of Savannah. The walls inclose perhaps two or three acres of ground, well grown up with wild peach trees, lavender bushes, etc. Doctor Hollis, of the Quarantine Station, had told Gilbert Rossignol and myself of having seen, the day before, a "white Owl feathered clear down to the toes," sitting on a railing on top of the fort wall. We had easily dismissed the idea, by saying that he had seen a Barn Owl in some particular light that made it look white to him. The morning of the 8th, while I was looking at some traps set for small mammals, the Owl flew across the inclosure, and when shot, fell on top of the wall.

The bird was fat and appeared healthy. It was heavily barred on breast, belly and sides, and quite dark above. The plumage was somewhat worn, and rather dirty, which seems to indicate that it had been living for some time in this or some similar locality, with similar mud flats. In the stomach was one large pellet, which has not been carefully examined at this time, but which appears to consist largely of feathers.

It was reported to me that another Owl flew over the dredge in the early morning of February 14. The leverman on watch followed it with the searchlight towards the fort—a distance of about a half mile—and after looking at the skin I have says it was the same, but nearly white. I have visited the locality several times, but have seen no others.—IVAN R. LAMKINS, U. S. Dredge "Morgan," Savannah, Ga.