



Figure 2. Snowy Owl invasion, winter, 1991-92. Black dots = single bird sightings. Bold-faced numbers = multiple bird sightings as follows: **8** owls at Montrose/Lincoln Park; **3** owls at Fullerton/North Ave./Navy Pier; **5** owls at Aquarium /Meigs Field/Burnham Harbor; **2** owls at DuPage Co.

"It's so interesting that the bird is sitting on the ground in the field. I didn't quite expect that."

Ford and Ward said they remembered that first time sighting weeks later. I, too, remember my first sighting of a

Snowy Owl in the wild, even though it has been many years. I remember a gorgeous white-feathered bird on a telephone pole.

Still, the sighting last winter inspired me as much as it did my friends who saw their first

Snowy Owl during the second largest invasion in Illinois history.

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