



# OWL ETIQUETTE

It seems that everyone wants to see an owl! And while everyone should have the opportunity to do so, it is important to remember that owls are nocturnal birds who need undisturbed rest during the day. Because Snowy Owls often roost on the ground, their rest can easily be disturbed. Please treat owls with care and respect by following these simple guidelines:

- Respect beach habitat by staying on designated paths and refraining from climbing on dunes. Limit your time at a roost site.
- Do not play tapes to attract owls, entice them with bait, or shine flashlights on them at night. They can be seen perfectly well during the daytime.
- Allow them their rest by keeping a respectful distance away and by remaining quiet.
- Leave your pets at home, and help to educate young children about the importance of being quiet and not disturbing the owl.
- Do not share sensitive owl locations with unknown people in large public forums such as Twitter.
- Help to educate others—especially beginner birders—and promote responsible birding behavior.
- In this critical time of the coronavirus pandemic, be sure to maintain a safe social distance from others in the crowds that owls may attract, and always wear a mask to help prevent the spread of the virus.