



Live cam updates!



One of the Osprey platforms with a new live cam! Right now Canada Geese have been taking over the platform... we'll see what happens when the Osprey return next month! Tune in on the [Osprey- Canada Goose at Rogers Place](#).

Earlier this month, technicians from Explore.org visited us here in Charlo to install and upgrade our live cams!

Right now you can tune in to these live cams:

- [Long-eared Owl Winter Roost](#)
- [Osprey Nest- Charlo Montana](#)
- [Osprey- Canada Goose at Rogers Place](#)
- [Mission Mountain Range](#)

Coming soon- a new camera at the ORI farm!

This camera is installed near the ORI workshop, where we'll be able to watch Great Horned Owls, perching raptors, and other wildlife. (This will be similar views to the Winter Raptor live cam we've had in the past).

We are excited for the new and improved cam technology, and are looking forward to this coming breeding season!

[ORI & Explore.org live cams](#)

Great Horned Owls at the farm



The new pair of Great Horned Owls at the ORI farm.

The male is on the left, the female on the right,
partially hidden by tree branches.

In late Winter 2022, we sadly found that one of the wild Great Horned Owls that lives near ORI's headquarters had died of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). While we miss her presence at the farm, a new female has taken up residence, and has been seen with the male (see post for photos and video). We hope they will have a successful breeding season!

Read the full post here:

[HPAI hits close to home: Great Horned Owl fatality](#)

Once the new live cam at the ORI farm is up and running, we will be able to watch this pair of Great Horned Owls, as well as other raptors and other wildlife, online 24/7. We anticipate this cam should be online soon!

Upcoming presentation: Denver to present at Fly Fishers meeting



Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot

Learn more: [Denver to present at April 4 Fly Fishers of the Bitterroot meeting](#)

Snowy Owl Chick ID guide now available to download as PDF

ORI's Photographic Guide to Aging and Sexing Snowy Owls from Hatching to Fledging is now available to download

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A Photographic Guide to Aging and Sexing Snowy Owls from Hatching to Fledging:

Monitoring plumage and growth rates in Snowy Owl chicks



In June of 2022, the Owl Research Institute (ORI) began monitoring a Snowy Owl (*Bubo scandiaticus*) nest in Utqiagvik, Alaska (formerly Barrow) as part of a 31 year ongoing research study. This was the only nest located within the 100 square mile study area during the 2022 breeding season.

ORI's 2022 field crew Solai Le Fay, Chloe Hernandez, and Denver Holt conducted nest checks every three days (weather permitting), to monitor growth rates, survival, and cached prey.

To date, ORI has recorded 285 Snowy Owl nests and all observations have been compiled into comprehensive guides to aging and sexing snowy owl chicks (see [publications on the ORI website](#)).

Here we use the techniques and data outlined in those publications, as well as refined methods

and new observations from the 2022 nest, to create a photographic and descriptive guide for field researchers studying Snowy Owls.

Eight distinguishable age/development stages were recognized by Holt ([Holt et al., 2016](#)) and are further outlined in this guide. We delineate 7 developmental stages below (stage 8 missing due to researcher's departure from the field site), from the first chick pipping on July 17, 2022 to the last chick pipping on August 27, 2022. All photos are from the only Snowy Owl nest in Utqiagvik in 2022.

Visit the ORI website to view and download the guide:

<https://www.owlresearchinstitute.org/snowy-owl-photo-guide>

You can also find the link in the [Research](#) section on the explore.org website.

We're Hiring!

ORI is hiring a field technician for the 2023 nesting season, to begin ASAP and extend through July 15, 2023. Applications will be reviewed as they come in, and the position will be closed once filled.

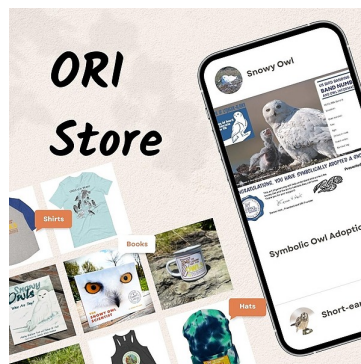
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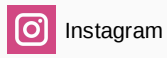
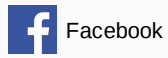


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