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## Halton Hills gets visitor from the north

*Whoooo can identify this winter visitor?*

Local resident Lisa Bowen spotted a large bird flying over the area of Ninth Line and 10 Sideroad on three occasions earlier this week and decided to take a camera one day for a closer look.

Images she submitted to the Independent Free Press seem to indicate that the bird is a snowy owl, likely a female because of its "salt-and-pepper" look, compared to the more pale appearance of the males.

Snowy owls are known to migrate south to this area from the Arctic during the winter months and unfortunately are not aware of hazards such as vehicles, hydro poles and windows, which they're unaccustomed to encountering.



Lisa Bowen/photo

A snowy owl, native to the Arctic region during the summer months, was photographed in Georgetown South this past week by Independent Free Press reader Lisa Bowen.

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