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Two snowy owls hatch at Akron Zoo

AKRON, Ohio – The Akron Zoo recently welcomed two snowy owl chicks. The owlets hatched on June 10 and are doing well under the care of their parents, the zoo's adult snowy owl pair, Frost and Cirrus.

The owlets and their parents are currently living in the private bedrooms in the zoo's Garden View Place building. The genders of the owlets are unknown at this time, and zoo staff are hands off.

Snowy owls are listed as vulnerable to extinction by IUCN Red List, with populations declining due to human conflict and climate change. The Akron Zoo participates in the Snowy Owl Species Survival Plan (SSP), a breeding plan that works to ensure genetic diversity in species across zoos that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, like the Akron Zoo.

This is the fifth and sixth snowy owlets hatched at the Akron Zoo. Frost and Cirrus previously welcomed three chicks in 2023 and one in 2024. The snowy owl family will remain in a private habitat for now. The zoo plans to share updates on its social media.

The Akron Zoo is open 361 days a year. Peak season hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission rates are \$11 – \$21. Children under two are free and parking is free. For more information visit www.akronzoo.org or call (330) 375-2550.

Founded in 1953, the Akron Zoo is a non-profit, world conservation zoo with more than 2,000 animals from around the world. Located just west of Downtown Akron, the zoo strives to connect your life to wildlife while inspiring lifelong learning and conservation action. The Akron Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). With its more than 200 accredited members, AZA is a leader in global wildlife conservation, and your link to helping animals in their native habitats.

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