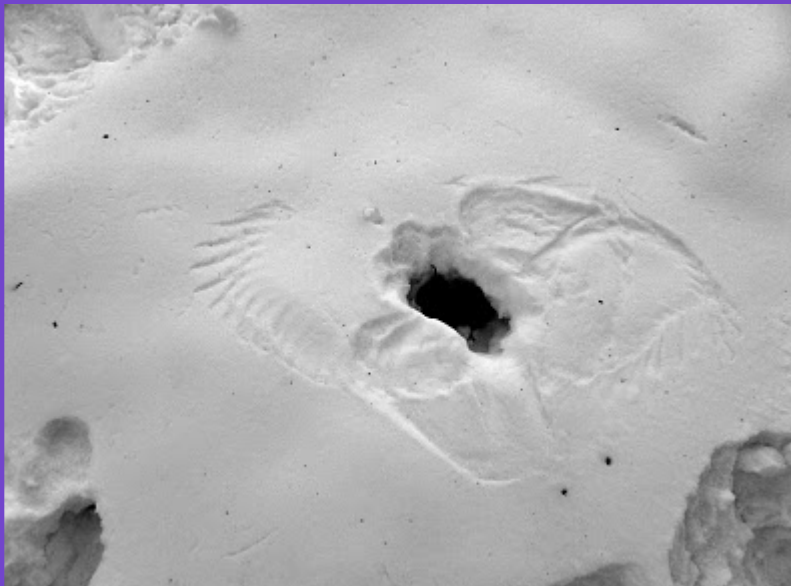


Do owls make snow angels?

Well, sort of...

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Mice and other rodents may feel safe while scurrying in tunnels underneath a snow bank, but they would be wrong. Owls have remarkable hearing. Some can hear and capture prey through two feet of snow!

In the picture above, you can see the hole where an owl's talons and body crashed through a snow bank. There are no small mammal tracks on top of the snow so the prey was obviously in a tunnel beneath the snow.

There are two sets of wing prints in that photo. One is from the initial impact when the owl's wings were more tucked in and it landed facing the top left corner of the photo. The leading edge of the wings dug in and made an arc on each side of the hole. When the owl took off, it turned and faced the top of the photo. With one strong wing flap it took off. For take-off, the wings were fully extended and you can see the imprint from every primary feather, especially on the left wing.