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Resides: Sutter Creek, California
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Vulnerable
Snowy owl
Oil, 30 x 24

Snowy owls lay between 3 and 11 eggs on the open tundra and both parents fiercely defend their chicks. However, around 25 days after hatching, the young owls begin to leave the nest before they can fly. This is the most vulnerable time for the young fledgling as it cannot fly until at least 50 days of age. I wanted to capture the feeling of vulnerability by placing the fledgling at the top of the painting with the seemingly endless tundra reaching up towards it.