

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Black-Legged Kittiwake | Rissa tridactyla
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 11-25-87Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: winter ^{immature}Locality: Prewitt Reservoir Elevation: unknownNearest town: MERINO County: Washington ^{Logan} ^{County}Time(s) observed: 1:30^{P.M.} - 2:30^{P.M.}Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 3 times - (1) 5 minutes (2) 10 minutes (3) 10 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Joe Himmel 14th St Greeley, Co. 80632 (303-352-0288)Bill Prather 13810 WELD G. Rd Longmont, Co. 80501 (303-776-2191)

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

NONE

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Sun was at our back on all observations, excellent.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X35 binoculars 20 to 30X telescopeDistance, and how measured: closest was 100 YARDS up to 400 YARDSIf photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? —

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

always flying about twisting and turning some giving us good looks.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Ring-billed Gull size to slightly smaller. Dark tail band. Showed a dark W across the tops of the wings and Black also on the tips of the wings which actually is the completion of the W pattern. Underwings

Looked mostly white. Had a definite dark half-collar.
Couldn't really tell bill color, legs appeared black.
tail was forked white with black subterminal band.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

open Dam. (water)

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Bonapartes Gull - Smaller, has no dark half collar, darker secondaries.

Sabine's Gull - Smaller, has no dark half collar, has no carpal bar, wing pattern similar but different.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

I've seen thousands of Bonapartes Gulls and probably 10 Sabine's Gulls. This was my 2nd B.L. Kittiwake.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: Geographic field guide to the Birds

b) after observation: none

This report was written from reports made during ☒ , after observation ☒ from me.
Date and time report was written: November 25, 1987

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