

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Black-legged Kittiwake Rissa tridactyla
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Nov 16, 1991Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: 1st winterLat/long: 8 Distribution Code: M Habitat Code: LLocality: Connected Lakes Elevation: 4500Nearest town: Grand Teton County: MesaTime(s) observed: 11:00 AMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 min.

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

NONE

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):

The bird never landed.
all angles and directionsOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10 power (500mm) Camera
and 8x30 binocs.Distance and how measured: 100' - Camera focusIf photographed, type of equipment and film: 64 ASA 500mm MPPWho else photographed the bird: NONE

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

Bird was flying and picking up material from water. Magpies were harassing the kittiwake and finally drove it off.

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 observed in the field:

Bird was ring-billed full size as I could compare it to the magpies.

Description (continued): Bill was dark - dark spot behind eye with bar (black) behind head and neck that could be seen in front of wing on either side. Tail had a black terminal band, wings

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): None

on top had the black W - legs were black as well as feet.

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

Gravel pit medium size.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Bonaparte's gull - smaller, lacks bar on hind neck
upper trailing edge is dark.

Sabine's gull - lacks bar on hind neck

Red legged Kittiwake - all white tail and lack W pattern

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

I have been in Black-legged nesting colonies

in Newfoundland and Alaska. Bonaparte's are local.
I have no experience with the red legged

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

a) At time of observation: None -

b) After observation: Look at Mat Gao to check

my notes
This report was written from reports made during X, after observation , from memory X

Date and time report was written: Dec 21 1991

Reporting observer: Coen Dexter Signature: Coen Dexter

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