

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

ACCEPTED

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL / LARUS FUSCUS  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 11-12-93Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: ADULT WINTERLatilong: 4 Distribution Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat Code: LLocality: CATTAIL POND (LCR 19/16 H) Elevation: 5200'Nearest town: LOVELAND County: LARIMERTime(s) observed: 3-3:30 PM ; 10-10:30 A.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 2 30 MIN. SESSIONS

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):

UNKNOWN.

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

PARTLY CLOUDY. SUN AT MY BACK THE 1ST TIME.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): BAUSCH & LOMB 25X SCOPE, SWIFT 8X BINOCESDistance and how measured: 50-100 YDS. - ESTIMATEDIf photographed, type of equipment and film: N/AWho else photographed the bird: N/A

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

IN FLIGHT & STANDING ONSHORE.

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:

DARK GRAY ABOVE w/ OUTER 1/3<sup>RD</sup> OF WING TIPS BLACK WITH 1 SMALL  
WHITE "MIRROR". HEAD & NECK WHITE, HEAVILY STREAKED w/ GRAY-BROWN.  
PALE EYE. LEGS yellow - NOT BRIGHT. TAIL ALL WHITE. BASAL HALF

Description (continued): of bill dusky / straw color w/ outer half yellow.  
LARGE RED SPOT ON GONYX. UNDERSIDES WHITE. LARGER THAN AND AGGRESSIVE  
TOWARDS KING BILLED GULLS. SMALL WHITE TIPS TO PRIMARIES. BLACKISH TONES  
TO BILL SUGGESTS A 4<sup>TH</sup> WINTER BIRD.

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

NOT NOTED.

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

IN FLIGHT AND ON A SANDPIT AT A SMALL POND ON  
THE EDGE OF THE TOWN.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

ALL OTHER GULLS MUCH PALER ABOVE EXCEPT:

CALIF. GULL NOT AS DARK ABOVE, EYE DARK, BILL HAS BLACK SPOT.

GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL DARKER ABOVE, LARGER, MOSTLY WHITE HEADED  
IN WINTER, MORE WHITE ON WINGTIPS.

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

2 SIGHTINGS OF ADULT BIRDS.

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

a) At time of observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC field guide. } used to check  
b) After observation: GRANT'S GULLS. } for field marks  
} research similar species.

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Date and time report was written: 11/6/94 10 A.M.

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