

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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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 WINTERLat/long: 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 BINOCDistance and how measured: 50-100 YRS. - ESTIMATESIf 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 ON SHORE.

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" 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 yellowish.
LARGE RED SPOT ON GONY'S. UNDERSIDES WHITE. LARGER THAN AND AGGRESSIVE
TOWARDS KING BILLY GULLS. SMALL WHITE TIPS TO PRIMARIES. BLACKISH TONES
TO BILL SUGGESTS A 4TH 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 SANDSPIT AT A SMALL POND ON
THE EDGE OF THE TOWN.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

ALL OTHER GULLS MUCH DARKER ABOVE EXCEPT:

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

GREAT BLACK BACKED GULL DARKER ABOVE, LARGER, & MOSTLY WHITE HEADES
IN WINTER, MORE WHITE ON WING TIPS.

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. } 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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