

APPENDIX I

23-95-43

COLORADO LATILONG STUDY

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CHANGE FORM

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Species: GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

Please use this form to supplement or to correct data appearing in
The Colorado Bird Distribution Latilong Study (1982).

RECOMMENDED CODES

Latilong #: 25Distribution Code: Acc.Habitat Code: LAbundance: Abundant Common Fairly Com. Unusual Rare IrregularAcc Undetermined

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BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Locality (Include nearest town & county) MOSCA, CO, ALAMOSA CO.Date(s) of observation MARCH 3, 1995Number of birds ONE ADULTDescription of observation; explain justification for recommended code: BIRD WAS OBSERVED ATSAN LUIS LAKE STATE PARK. PROBABLY ANACCIDENTAL TO THIS AREA.Name (print): JOHN J. RAWINSKIMailing Address: 837 W. 1 S.MONTE VISTA, CO 81144

Send form to:
Zoology Dept.
Denver Museum of Natural History
2001 Colorado Blvd.
Denver CO 80205

Zip

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD UNUSUAL RECORD

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

Species: GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL / LARUS GLAUDESCENS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): MARCH 3, 1995Number of birds seen: ONE Sex: UNK. Plumage: ADULTLatilong: 25 Distribution Code: ACC. Habitat Code: LLocality: SAN LUIS LAKE STATE PARK Elevation: 8,000Nearest town: MASCA, CO. County: ALAMOSATime(s) observed: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 minutes

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

JERRY POE, MONTE VISTA, CO AND LISA DeMASS, MONTE VISTA, CO.

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

UNKNOWN / NONELight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): VERY GOOD VIEWING CONDITIONS.OVERCAST TO PARTLY SUNNY. EVENING SUN BEHIND US, BIRD EAST OF USOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): SWIFT 20-60X SCOPE + BINOCULARS.Distance and how measured: 300 YDS FIRST OBSERVATION; 500 YDS WHEN BIRD
AS CLOSE AS 250 YDS IN FLIGHT. PERCHED w/ OTHER GULLS.If photographed, type of equipment and film: NONEWho else photographed the bird: NO ONE

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

PERCHED ON SHORE; FLYING; FLOATING IN WATER.

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:

A VERY LARGE GULL, dwarfing the common Goldeneyes when ON THE LAKE, AND MUCH BIGGER AND PLUMPER THAN RING-BILLED GULLS



Description (continued): AN SHORE. FIRST SAW THE BIRD ON WATER, 300
 AWAY. LARGE GULL, WHITE FACE, LARGE YELLOW BILL w/ D/D ON LOWER MANDIBLE; MOST
 STRIKING FEATURE WAS LACK OF BLACK/DARK WING TIPS WHICH IMMEDIATELY RULED OUT
 MANY LIKELY GULLS OF THIS SIZE. TAIL WHITE, SQUARISH; BODY HEAVY LOOKING. THE BIRD
 THEN TOOK TO THE AIR, FLYING RIGHT BY US OFF SHORE. WING FATHER POINTED, SLOW WING BEI
 WING UNIFORMLY LIGHT GRAY, SAME AS MANTLE DOWN TO A 1/2 - 1 INCH WIDE WHITE
 TRAILING EDGE, THAT ALSO CONTRASTED AT LEAST TO THE TIP OF THE WING. THE GRAY TO
 WHITE PORTION OF THE WINGS WAS VERY DISTINCT, NOT DIFFUSE. WING UNDERSIDE WHI
 (CONTINUED NEXT LINE)

IN FLIGHT
 DRAWN
 FROM MEMORY

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

DID NOT HEAR BIRD CALL. THE BIRD ROOSTED ON SHORE WITH ABOUT 21
RING-BILLED GULLS. IT DWARFED THEM, AND LOOKED "LIKE A FAT CHICKEN"
AS LISA DESCRIBED, NEXT TO THE SMALLER GULLS. COULD NOT SEE LEG COLOR. BILL MK
BIGGER COMPARED TO HEAD THAN MORE DIMINUTIVE BILL ON RING BILLED GULLS. WE
HAD A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE BIRD IN FLIGHT, AS OCCASIONALLY AN EA
WOULD CAUSE BIRDS TO FLUSH. WE REPEATEDLY OBSERVED WING COLORATION PATTERNS



PERCHED
 W/

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

RING-BILLED

OPEN WATER - BIRD LIKED TO BE BY ITSELF (W/O OTHER GULLS) AT
TIMES ON WINDY OPEN WATER, SITTING HIGH IN IT. IT DID ROOST ON
SHORE WITH OTHER GULLS! WOULD FLUSH WHEN BALD EAGLES CRUISED
BY, LAND ON OPEN WATER, THEN RETURN TO ROOST.
 How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

HERRING, THAYERS, CALIFORNIA, ICELAND, ALL OTHER LARGE GULLS HAVE DARKER
WING TIPS IN ADULT PLUMMAGE. GLAUCOUS GULL IS CLOSEST, BUT IS MUCH LIGHTER ON
MANTLE AND WINGS. GRAY TO WHITE ON WING IS MORE DIFFUSE. OUR BIRDS MANTLE IS DARKER THA
GLAUCOUS GULL, + WINGS WERE UNIFORMLY GRAY WITH WHITE TRAILING EDGE TO TIP. ALL THE
 What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? GULLS ARE
SMALLER.

I FIRST SAW THIS BIRD IN OREGON AND THEN ; SUBSEQUENTLY ALONG
WASHINGTON STATE COAST, 2 DIFFERENT YEARS.

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

- a) At time of observation: We used Nat. Geographic Book.
- b) After observation: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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

Date and time report was written: MARCH 5, 1995

Reporting observer: JOHN J. RAWINSKI Signature: John J Rawinski

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All reports will be maintained permanently at the address below: BIRD AS SEEN THROUGH SCORE ON WATER

Return to: CURATOR, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS
 DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Followup -
 On March 5, we spent CITY PARK
 TIME IN MORNING + EVENING DENVER, CO 80205

LOOKING TO PHOTOGRAPH THE BIRD BUT
 COULD NOT FIND IT. COINCIDENTLY, DAN
 BRIDGERS LOOKED 314 + DID NOT SEE
 IT EITHER + TOLD ME SUNDAY NITE 315.
 NO BIRD MARCH 1, EITHER BIRD LAST YEAR

WITH
 COMMON



LISA REVIEWED +
 CIRCLED.

APPENDIX III ADDENDUM
SITE RECORD FORM

This form is used to supplement the CFO Site Record Form by providing additional space for written descriptions, photographs and sketches.

Additional Description, Comments, Observations: I repeatedly asked Jerry and hisu if the wing tips of this BIRD WERE DARKER. I did this when the bird took to the air. So we all checked that feature a number of times to be sure we were in agreement. We unanimously agreed the WING TIP AND BIRD IN GENERAL MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL. WE USED NAT GEOGRAPHIC BOOK AT THE TIME OF OBSERVATION.

Place for Sketch or Photograph:

I WOULD HAVE DONE SKETCHES HERE, BUT I DID NOT HAVE THIS FORM DEVELOPED AT THE TIME

Signed: John Rawinski
Address: _____
Date: _____