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Dear Mark,

Here are copies of our field notes for the Little Gull we found at Walden Reservoir, Walden, back in June. (Was it ever looked for and seen by others subsequently??) Descriptions are by myself, Shawneen, and one of the tour participants, George Finger. The photos are by Lynn Barber, another one of the participants. The pics certainly aren't great, but they are certainly identifiable. If you have any trouble reading any of the descriptions, let me know and I'll translate!

Also enclosed are brief notes on the 3 Neotropic Cormorants we had at Ireland Reservoir and on the Eastern Meadowlark near Fort Collins. I heard some rumor recently that the latter is being debated by some (?). We saw/heard no evidence it was a hybrid, although we never heard the bird sing.

I am sending a "complete" report of our trip highlights, another set of descriptions, and a couple poorer (believe it or not!) photos of the Little Gull to the AFN regional editor, once I find out if Hugh Kingery is still doing it or not (I had heard a rumor that he might have retired....?).

Hope all goes well.

Good birding,



Paul Lehman

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FLAG DAY 166200

Walden/Argento Mine area, CO

CANV (1), BUFFLEHEAD (2) (♂♂; Walden reservoir),
Sage Grouse (3) (outside of Hays of Walden), WILC (1),
FRBW (30) (incl. 1 adult w/ dot head but w/ 6 more pale
snood-white uniform wings (Some at like Kort's Tern!)
w/ no black, or white band, or medium gray), BOBW (2) (fem),
Little Gull (1) (worn one-year-old first-summer band at
Walden reservoir/lake. First picked up at Walden region in
flight - Walden it remained in at all times taking insect over-
surface as were FRBWS and 2 SOBWS that were present as well -
at distances down to as close as ± 90 feet, in good light. A very
small gull, slightly smaller than ^{nesting} BOBWS, with very distinct dull
blackish or brownish-black 'M' pattern on upper surface of
wing (entire appeared worn out toward primaries). Black + gray gray -
Tail had rather thick blackish terminal band. Crown blackish-
gray. Distinct very round (not oblong) black post-ocular
spot. Small blackish bill. Blackish underparts + underwing -),
WIFL (3),



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Photographed by four participants Lynn Bensen et
Ratings, etc. Several are attached

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Colorado N.M. + Edgell W. Co.

Peregrine Falcon (1) (across at monument), GEFEL (3),
Condillera Flycatcher (1), PISA (15), PLTI (7),
BUSH (25), SATH (7), Gray Vireo (7), SOVI (1),
STGW (4), BLUE (3), Sage Sparrow (1) (expect 6/6),
Pine Siskin (1)
Cameo (Coolen)
Cauler (4)

BUD AND EDE HOLLER HAVE HS IN PARTIAL MORT.
George Kelley, 2371 Maple Gray Lane, Walnut Creek CA 94596

6/14/16

SIGHTING: Little Gull.

WHERE; WALDEN LAKE, WALDEN, COL.

TIME: ABOUT 1:15^{AM} MOUNTAIN TIME

EQUIPMENT: ZEISS 10x40B

WEATHER: CLEAR, WINDY SOME HIGH OVERCAST

SPEED 13 y: ~~CHRYSLER 1400~~ ON

WINGS TOUR, SEED FIRST BY PAUL LENNON

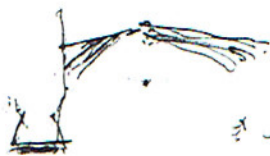
As close As ± 100 yrs

Bird in 1st Summer Plumage

HEAD WHITE WITH BROWN OR DARK

SPOT BEHIND EYE, BLACK BILL

UPPER WING: "W" PATTERN



BLACK TRIANGLE

PRIMARYS

* ON THINKING

WHITE EYES OF WING WHITE

INTERPRETING WHITE WITH POSSIBLE

SUGGESTION OF SILVER GRAY GLASS - PERHAPS

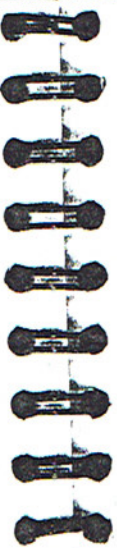
FROM LIGHT TO DARK BLACK UPPER AREAS.

TAIL WHITE WITH BLACK BAND ON TIP

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This gull was found by us ^{when} we were leading a wingers tour. The gull was seen flying about with Bonaparte's Gulls ~~sp~~ ^{providing} ~~the~~ ^{comparisons}.



Little Gull

6-14-86
Waterside, NJ

On waterside later in a reservoir in memory
Cape May. FBCU - 2 BOGUs. Paul spotted it first
was the 1st gull he located. A very small, very
lean 1st summer bird. The wing feathers were very
strikingly blackish with primaries and a very black
terminal bar extending from the base in the wing
down to the trailing edge of the secondaries. Along the
trailing edge of the secondaries were some dark
smudgy spots. In flight the overall impression
was a broken ~~XX~~ ^{XX} white triangle on the
bottom of the ~~XX~~ ^{XX}. The white tail had a thin black
band across the tip.
The small round head had a smudgy dark
crown and a single round black spot just behind
the eye in the ~~audition~~ ^{audition} area. The bill was a
small black smudgy ~~XX~~ ^{XX} BOGU.
we watched this gull for 1/2 hr.





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