

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
SIGHT RECORD FORM  
RESULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

*valid 9-19-98*  
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Little Gull Larus minutus  
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: Sept 11, 1998

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: one SEX: ? PLUMAGE: JUVENILE

EXACT LOCATION: SW SHORE PREWITT RES.

COUNTY: Washington NEAREST TOWN: Merino ELEVATION: 3900'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: ~ 40 min TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: between 13:15 AND 14:30

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

① Joey KELLNER

③ Dick Schottler

② Norm ERTAL

④ Gene Rutherford

LIGHT CONDITIONS [QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION]:

CLEAR, SUN OVERHEAD AND OFF R shoulder OR AT BACK.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: ZIESS 10x40

Kowa TSN 4 20x to 40x

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

From 80 yds to 200 yds

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED: No IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

SAND, MUD SHORELINE of PREWITT RES

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

60% - STANDING OR in WATERS EDGE OCCASIONALLY WADING deeper to CHASE SOMETHING in WATER

40% Flying - generally within 10 feet of the WATER in BANKING CIRCLES, AND Loops WORK OVER AN AREA of WATER. IT APPEAR TO BE WORKING BACK AND FORTH up AND DOWN the SHORE LINE



DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS, AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES): SEE ENCLOSED DRAWING

- HEAD - BLACK EYE AND BILL - BILL - MED LENGTH BUT SLENDER

BLACK (DARK) CROWN TO NAPE WITH BLACK EXTENSIONS TO EAR COVERTS. Right side extension BROKEN giving the APPEARANCE of AN EAR SPOT. - Thin white BAND AT BASE of NAPE that SEPERATED the CROWN & COLLAR. THROAT & NECK WAS WHITE

Body - BREAST, BELLY, FLANKS, RUMP & UNDER TAIL COVERTS WHITE  
- Leg - NOT seen clearly - Think they WERE FLESH colored

Tail - White upper & Lower with DARK TERMINAL BAND that EXTENDED to A POINT NEAR the middle of the tail. This gave the BIRD A FORK TAIL APPEARANCE.

Wings scapulars were DARK (BLACK) Tipped with ~~thin~~ thin pale EDGES barely NOTICABLE. THEY HOWEVER APPEARED TOTALLY DARK AT A DISTANCE. A DARK BAR EXTENDED ACROSS A "DIRTY" ~~white~~ <sup>Secondary to the</sup> "WRIST". PRIMARIES WERE A GRAY BROWN ABOVE & BELOW. (outer 5-6)

SIZE - VERY Difficult to determine - WAS smaller than JUV. SABINE'S gulls, ~~and~~ Franklin gulls

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

- ① SABINE'S Gull - Wing PATTERN Different, JUVENILE APPEARS OVERALL DULLER w/ LESS MARK
- ② KITTIWAKES - LACK DARK CROWN
- ④ ROSS'S Gull - (I wish) - WEDGE SHAPED TAIL
- ③ BONAPARTE'S - Lacks DARK mantle and has much DARKER trailing edge of PRIMARY & SECONDARIES

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

NONE WITH LITTLE GULL. VERY LIMITED EXPERIENCE WITH KITTIWAKES & SABINE'S gull  
somewhat familiar with Bonaparte's gull.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS, OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

- ① BIRD'S of NA. NAT GEO 2<sup>nd</sup> for wing pattern of SABINE'S gull
- ② Gulls. GRANT - Similar SPECIES comparisons  
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THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ~~NOTES~~ <sup>NOTES</sup> MADE DURING ☒ OR AFTER ☐  
OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY ☐

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Juvenile Little Gull 9/11/98

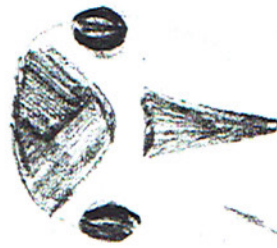
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BIRD APPEARED TO BE  
A CRISP, WELL DEFINED BLACK & WHITE

✓ PRIMARIES  
APPEARED  
WITH A WELL  
DEFINED  
PRIMARIAL  
EXTENSION

Right

Left



White Rump  
& Tail w/ Dark  
Band

Dorsal  
&  
Ventral

base  
white  
narrow white  
transverse  
ridge

