

MEW GULL  
Union Reservoir, near Longmont  
8 March 1997

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Dear Mark and Colorado Committee,

Here's a copy of my field-notes with a description of the adult Mew Gull Tony Leukering and I found at the northwest corner of Union Reservoir on 8 March 1997. They were written a few hours after the sighting.

After we found the bird we called a few people to spread the word. Don't know if it was ever seen again or not.

When we found the bird it was with hundreds of Ring-billed Gulls that were actively feeding in flocks around the lake, which was about half open and half ice-covered. There were also a few Herring Gulls nearby.

Having formerly lived in California for 20 years, I have seen thousands of Mew Gulls. The identification was very straightforward, once I got the scope focused on the bird!

Good birding,



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FSHE(1), CITE(1), BAEA(2), RNPH(1), KILL(4),  
R3GV(1500), CAGV(50), HEGV(10),

Mew Gill (1) (basic adult at Union Reservoir with  
hundreds of R3GVs and a few HEGVs. First picted out  
sitting on water w/ R3GVs by slightly smaller size and  
shimmer build, slightly darker gray mantle, and by brown  
mottling on head and neck. The mottling was a pale  
tan-brown color, somewhat of a wash over the coarser, flat  
mottled around the eye, most of the rest of the head and was  
holdest across back of lower neck, as is typical of many  
ad. Mews in late winter. Eye color could not easily be  
determined due to distance + light angle - Bill clearly smaller  
than R3GVs, entirely dull yellow or greenish-yellow, lacking  
any dark coloration. Mantle a darker, more medium gray.  
Overall shimmer build accentuated by longer-winged appearance,  
with the wing tips showing larger white spots (mirrors) and more of  
them than R3GVs), Red-headed Woodpecker (1) (Stakeout,  
Lynsis), MOBL(1), SPTo(1), Golden-crowned Sparrow (1)  
(Stakeout adult at Red Rocks Trading Post w/ brand blackish (du.11)  
1st yr/1 crown stripes and extensive dull golden yellow forehead + forecrown),  
DESV(30) (incl. 4 subsps, WWSY, ORSY, PSTY, GH3U), EVOR(40),  
Bay-crowned King Finch (100) (50 Red Rocks, 50 Gorgeburn), Brown  
capped King-Finch (2), Black King-Finch (2) (Red Rocks; 0+8)

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