

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? BLACK-HEADED GULL -1

Location? - DICKINSON COUNTY LANDFILL

Type of habitat? OPEN FIELD

When? date(s): 7/10/99 Time: . 11:45 - 12:00 NOON

Who? your name and address LEE A. SCHOENEWE
518 W. 4th ST. SPENCER

Others with you BILL HUSER & 5 MEMBERS LOESS HILLS AUDUBON

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. WHILE SCANNING A LARGE GROUP OF FRANKLIN'S AND RING-BILLED GULLS LOUNGING IN A FIELD JUST EAST OF THE LANDFILL, WE SPOTTED A DARK-HEADED GULL FLYING IN WHICH HAD WHITE OUTER WEDGES ON THE UPPER PRIMARIES AND DARK SMUDGING ON THE UNDERWINGS. AFTER THE GULL LANDED WE COULD SEE THE DARK BROWN HEAD, RED BILL AND LEGS

Similar species and how eliminated: FRANKLIN'S GULL AND BONAPARTE'S GULL - DARK BROWN HEAD AND WING PATTERN W/DARK UNDERNEATH.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: FULL SUNLIGHT, 100 YDS, 8X40 BINOCULARS
20X-60X SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW IN DICKINSON CO

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NONE

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY

this form completed? 4 HOURS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.