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A ~~bird~~ (Documentation) 632 Woodmeyer Dr. Waterloo, IOWA 50703
a of rare species

I.O.B. Fall Report Dec. 3

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1. Species: Black legged Kittiwake
2. number - 1
3. Location - Waterloo, Iowa George W. State Park
G.W.S.P
4. Date - Nov. 23
5. Time bird seen - about 9:15 to 9:25. A.M.
6. Description - appeared all white, tips of wings were black, bird had black feet which are the main details, the back of nose was gray, ~~head~~ had black beak and was about 14 inches long and wingspread about ~~30~~³² inches across.
note: legs appear much shorter than that of the Ring-billed and Herring gulls and most other gulls in winter plumage.
7. voice - not heard

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8. Behavior - it came over a local sandpit next to G.W.S.P. and river in G.W.S.P., it was following ~~to~~^{to} northward ~~down~~^{down} the cedar river in search of food.
9. Habitat - Deciduous Woodland with manmade lake with island in middle, woodland is thick ~~as~~ all around lake. Cedar River is 1/2 to 1 mile away from lake. It is a very good migration route for Gulls.
10. Similar Appearing Species - The Ring-billed Gull and Herring Gull have much larger wingspread. The Franklin Gull does not have black feet and the Franklin's feet extend almost to the tip of the tail. The Kittiwake's feet extended only to the ~~the~~ underwing.

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10. Bonapartes Gull does not have S & G Gray.
shape in winter. Both ~~FD~~ Franklin and
Bonapartes ~~had~~ have dark gray ~~on~~ backs in
winter.

11. Distance - ~~about~~ about ⁵⁰~~70~~ feet overhead
estimated by sight

12. optical equip: 7x50 binoculars

13. light - sky was overcast; enough light
to see marking and colors of ^{bird}~~feathers~~.

14. Previous Experience with bird: not seen before.

15. Other observers: there were no other observers

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18. Books, "Birds of North America" by Robbins and
Singer, this book had the best description
of what I saw while I was in the
field.

19. I first studied over the description as
soon as I came home on Nov. 23.