

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Glaucous gull 2. Number: 1

3. Location Roberts creek beach, North side of Lake red Rock

4. Date: March 5 - 1983 5. Time Bird seen: 11<sup>00</sup> to 11<sup>30</sup>

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Larger than Herring gull, all white plumage, no black on wings  
pinkish colored feet & legs  
yellow Bill

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: sitting on sand beach with Ringed Billed gulls

9. Habitat - general: lake area  
specific: sand beach

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)? 30 yds (estimated) 12. Optical equipment: 7.35 Binoculars + 20x power scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
Bright overcast, bird directly north, light from our back, excellent viewing

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

15. Other observers: Clare Armstrong Dennis Thompson

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

Golden Book, seen this species at Davenport before,  
not much influence on the identification from book

9. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 2 weeks

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