

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species 1st winter Black-legged Kittiwake 2. Number 1
 3. Location Redrock dam below spillway Marion Co.
 4. Date 12-25-90 5. Time Bird Seen: 10:00am to 11:00am
 6. Description: The gull was the same size as a Ring-billed and Ivory Gull that was close by at times. The gull had a thick black collar at the base of the nape, a all black bill, and a black line on the wing below the shoulder when sitting. These are sketchy details because I was sure of the ID and spend most of my time viewing the Ivory Gull.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: N/H
 8. Description of habitant and behavior: Generally stayed on the water at all times.
 9. Similarly appearing species: Thick black collar eliminates all others.
 10. Distance (how measured): 100yds estimate 11. Optical equipment: 10X binoculars and 20X x 60X Kowa spotting scope.
 12. Light: Light was poor most of the time looking into the sun.
 13. Previous experience with species: Had just seen two at Saylorville on the 16th.
 14. Other observers: Bob Myers, Eugene & Eliose Armstrong
 15. Did they Agree: Yes
 16. Books and references: National Geographic
 17. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description: Two months from field notes taken during the observation.
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