

**DOCUMENTATION FORM**  
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Lesser Black-backed Gull How many? 1 ad.

Location? Above Lock + Dam 15, Davenport, IA

Type of Habitat? Frozen river

When? date(s): 17 January 1992 time: 1<sup>30</sup> to 2<sup>30</sup>

Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: Jim Fuller

Others before or after you: reported previously

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A dark mantled gull flying and standing with Herring Gulls.  
Bird consistently smaller and slimmer than Herring Gulls.  
Yellow legs seen. Tail, body + head white. The mantle and upper wings were dark but not quite black. Bill light colored.

Similar species; how eliminated: Size and leg color eliminate other dark mantled gulls.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no  
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

100-200 yds, light at various angles as bird seen from both sides of river.  
10x binoc. 20x scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen several.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 3 hr this form completed? —

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).