

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

Cummins 27 Mar 81

- ✓ 1. Species Glaucois Gull 2. Number 1  
3. Location Little Clear Lake  
4. Date: 3-22-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 8:30 AM to 8:32 AM

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):

The gull was noticeably large than the accompanying Ring-billed gulls. The all-white gull had white wing tips underneath and above. Other identifying characteristics were not noticed because of the time of observation and increasing distance from bird.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT Heard

8. Description of behavior: Flight more labored than the accompanying Ring-billed Gulls.

9. Habitat - general: aerial

specific:

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

11. Distance (how measured)? Estimate  
Soys to 300 yds

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 Binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

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

I have seen all the common gulls on both coasts, except the all white gulls. All gulls Iowa check list regularly.

15. Other observers:

Wallace Jardine

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
None

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 hr, 30 min.

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