

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

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

Location? 2/3 Lindsay Park Harbor, Davenport, Scott Co. 2/16 1/2 mile W. on Miss R.

Type of Habitat? Ice shelf along Miss. River

When? date(s): Feb. 3, 1995 Feb. 16, 1995 4:30-4:35 AM. time: 9:45 AM to 10:00 AM

Who? your name and address: Peter C. Petersen, 235 McClellan Blvd. Davenport, IA

Others with you: no one

Others before or after you: none to my knowledge Tim Schantz on Feb. 11 just west of Faboue loc.

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.

Slightly smaller than nearby Herring Gulls.
Back mantle dark grey, wing tips black, Head white,
Some brown flecking. Chest & belly white, Bill & legs
yellow, eye light, tail white.

Similar species; how eliminated: Slaty-backed Gull - legs not pink, would be larger
Gr. Black-backed Gull - back not black on this bird, bird too small, legs
not flesh colored.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Sun at 90° angle
to birds, range about 200m, est. 40x70 Kowa scopes, 10x40 Zeiss binocs

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen on several previous occasions
in Ia, Il. + In, also in Europe

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 1/2 hrs

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