


Common Tern - 10

May 24, 1980

Willow Slough, Mills County, Iowa

Description: Typical small white tern. Cap black, bill orange. Primaries darker than the rest of the wing on top. These primaries gray to <sup>almost</sup> black - individual variation. One had black tips on the underside of the primaries. In some lights there seemed to be a light streak below the cap, lighter than the rest of the face, but in other conditions, this wasn't so.



Tail appears all white.

Similar species: See other documentation

Light, etc.: Sunny, later with ~~hazy~~ haze in sky but still bright. Distances varied, from close to me to over 1000 feet. West of me. Late after ~~noon~~ <sup>noon</sup> (6:20 - after 7:00 pm). Notes written in field. This written May 26. No books - unfortunately.

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