

What species? Glaucous Gull How many? 2Location? Lock + Dam 15, Davenport, Scott Co. IowaType of habitat? Mississippi RiverWhen? date(s): 18 Dec 1983 time: 11⁰⁰ to 12⁰⁰ AMWho? your name and address: Thomas H. Kentothers with you: Mike Newton, Carl Bendorf, Tom Standt, Pete Petersen, et al

others before or after you: _____

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bird first seen below dam in flight - all white wings. Later from dock observation building we saw two birds standing on ice with other gulls on far side of river. One bird was overall light tan, slightly larger than Herring Gulls. Bill larger than Herring Gulls with dark tip and light base. In flight, the wings were uniformly light tan. The other bird was in the same group. It also was larger than Herring Gulls with black tip on bill. It was overall white with slight gray in mantle (perhaps slightly mottled). In flight the wing tips were all white. Bill was larger than Herring Gulls bill.

1st year and 3rd yr on adult birds.

Similar species and how eliminated: Size and large bill eliminate Iceland and Thayer's Gulls.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Below dam - back-light, Above dam - direct sun on bird's.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen several

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 19 hrs this form completed? 19 hrs

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