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DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? BLACK LEGGED KITTIWAKE How many? 1

Location? CENTRAL LOCK WALL, LOCK #2 DAM #15, ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

Type of Habitat? RIVER SYSTEM, OPEN WATER

When? date(s): 20 DEC 1992 time: 10:10 to 10:16 AM

Who? your name and address: ED TIMPER 1121 31ST, BETTENDORF IA 52722

Others with you: PETE OBERG, ROCKFORD ILLINOIS

Others before or after you: none

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.

GULL SHAPED BIRD, SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO RING BILLED GULL, BUT WITH A LIGHTER BUILT, MORE DELICATE GIST. OBSERVED STANDING ON LIGHT POLE, DISTINCTIVE BLACK LEGS. REFERENCED TO PETERSONS GUIDE AS A BLACK LEGGED KITTAWAKE, ADULT. SOLID YELLOW BILL WITH NO MARKING.

Similar species; how eliminated:

RING BILLED GULL: THIS GULL HAD NO RING BILL, WAS LIGHTER BUILT WITH DISTINCTIVE BLACK LEGS.

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. AVERAGE LIGHT,
OBSERVED FROM 40 YARDS THROUGH 60x POWER SPOTTING SCOPE.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
NO PREVIOUS EXP. WITH KITTAWAKES

References and persons consulted before writing description:
PETE PETERSON, DAVENPORT IA.

How long before field notes made? 12/20/92 this form completed? 9 JAN 93

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