

WEATHER/HABITAT:

~~ACCIDENTAL SPECIES:~~ Details of Sighting: 3 Common Terns

30 May 1993 Lily Pond, Middle Amana, Fowa County Dave Dankert, Jeff Dankert

3 white terns were seen flying over Lily Pond with Black Terns. ~~They~~ We concentrated on the outer wings and primaries. There was an obvious black wedge on the underside of the forward part of the wingtip. The tips of the upperwings were slightly darker / same shade of gray as the rest of upper wing. They lacked the flashy white upperwings of Forster's.

The notch of the tail was not as deep, and the tail was not as long, as that of Forster's.

We watched the birds for about 10 minutes with 15X-60X Spotting scopes.