

What species? GLAUCOUS GULL How many? 1 (FIRST-WINTER)

Location? BELOW THE DAM - RED ROCK RESERVOIR - MARION COUNTY

Type of habitat? RIVER

When? date(s): 21 NOVEMBER 1990 time: 2:05 2:25 PM
12:34 to 1:15 PM

Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY

others with you: _____

others before or after you: ANN JOHNSON, CHUCK FULLER, JANE FULLER

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.

I SAW THE BIRD FIRST LYING ON A GRAVEL BAR, LATER STANDING, AND ON TWO OCCASIONS FLYING. THE BIRD WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN ANY OF THE RING-BILLED AND LARGER BY A SLIGHT AMOUNT (BUT NOTICABLE) THAN THE HERRING GULLS. ITS WINGSPAN WAS ALSO NOTICEABLY GREATER THAN THAT OF THE HERRING. IT WAS ALMOST PURE WHITE - ALTHOUGH THERE WAS VERY LIGHT BROWN FEATHER EDGING ON THE FOLDED WING. ITS GENERAL SHAPE WAS VERY MUCH LIKE THE HERRING, AND THERE WAS A RATHER FLAT FOREHEAD LIKE THE HERRING. THE BILL WAS VERY LARGE, THE BASAL TWO-THIRDS WAS FLESH-COLORED, AND THE TIP ONE THIRD WAS BLACK. THE EYE WAS DARK, AND LOOKED LIKE IT HAD A PARTIAL EYE RING ABOVE AND BELOW. LEGS WERE A LIGHT PINK. WHEN IN FLIGHT, THE BIRD WAS NOT QUITE AS WHITE APPEARING AS WHEN STANDING - IT HAD A VERY LIGHT TAN CAST TO IT.

STANDING BIRD WAS 50 YARDS AWAY. FLYING BIRD SEEN AT 30 YARDS TO 400 YARDS.

Similar species and how eliminated: ICELAND GULL IS SMALLER; FIRST WINTER BIRD HAS SMALLER ALL DARK BILL.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

PARTLY CLOUDY. VIEWED MID DAY TO MID AFTERNOON. LOOKING NORTHEAST AT STANDING BIRD AND NUMEROUS DIRECTIONS AT FLYING BIRD. SWIFT AUDUBON BINOCULARS 5.5X44 AND KOWA TSN 4 SCOPE

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

HAVE SEEN SEVERAL PREVIOUS TIMES IN IOWA AND MINNESOTA (20-BOX)

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 6 Hours

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