

Record No. 1382

Documentation of Iowa Sighting

4 Ltr Code **BLKI**

NGS-158 / G-146 / PE-86 / PWpl-33 / AMG(II)-76 / BH-176

First Name	Black-legged		
Last Name	Kittiwake		
Sci Name	Rissa tridactyla		
How many?	1	Date	12/28/90
City		St/Prov	IA
Co.	Marion	Nation	USA
Place Code	RED	Red Rock Reservoir	
Hab. Code	R	River	
St. Life List	Yes	N.A. Life List	

Notes			
See accompanying documentation.			
Flag 1	Yes	Flag 2	Yes

DESCRIPTION: Taken from my notes, made while bird was in view. Comments added at time of preparing report are in parentheses.

(An immature black-legged kittiwake, a small gull swimming in the tailwaters of Red Rock Reservoir, close to dam and just above icy area) has a grey mantle and a white rump. Head is light grey on the back and pure white below. Black: bill, eye, legs. Black vertical line behind eye. Dark grey collar (on) hind neck only (not all the way around neck). Forked tail with dark terminal band, which accentuates fork. (When it flew around in a circle and came back down in same place, all the mentioned field marks were visible.)

See photocopy of sketches of wing pattern and facial markings, made while bird was in view.



OTHER OBSERVERS: Ann Johnson and others. No one doubted ID.

OTHER SPECIES: Most gulls don't have forked tails. Sabine's gull's mantle pattern is different, grey on inner part of wing and black only on outer part. Little gull doesn't have black legs and is very small.

EQUIPMENT, VIEWING CONDITIONS: Bird was pretty close to south shore of tail waters, where I was viewing with Leica 10X40's and Kowa scope. No references consulted between viewing bird and making notes.

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