

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Great Black-backed Gull How many? 1

Location? Bettendorf, IA

Type of Habitat? Mississippi River

When? date(s): 3 Feb 1992 time: 3⁰⁰ to 3³⁰ pm

Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Locality, IA 52246

Others with you: Dick Tetrault

Others before or after you: yes

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 larger than Herring. Solid black back and wings sitting and in flight. White body, head and tail. Bill larger than Herring with red spot. Head larger and longer than Herring. Legs pink.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Size. All black back and wing.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

100-300 yds, side light, 10x binoc + 20x scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 4 hrs this form completed? -

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