

1. Species Glaucons Gull 2. Number 1

3. Location Lock + Dam 14, Scott Co, Iowa

4. Date: 12/21/80 5. Time Bird Seen: ~10⁰⁰ to 10¹⁵ AM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Uniform light tan gull of same size or slightly larger than Herring Gull. No black on wing, body or tail. Bill light colored except for distal 1/4 which was black (upper + lower mandible). Eye dark. Bird first seen flying with Herring's below Dam. Later found about the Dam sitting on ice with 100 Herring's. Bird easily separated from Herring by light tan color and light primaries. Legs not seen.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NA

8. Description of behavior: Flying + resting on ice

9. Habitat - general: Mississippi River, frozen except below dam + small area about dam
specific: Iowa side of L + D 14

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Herring gull - uniform light color
Island gull - size, black-tipped bill

11. Distance (how measured)?

300-500 yards flying, 250 yards sitting.

12. Optical equipment:

8X40 Leitz Trinovis, 60X Questar

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

Light overcast

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Seen last year at same location, seen in Alaska + Ontario

15. Other observers:

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16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description

Peterson + Robbins - did not influence description

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 6 hours

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