

DOCUMENTATION FORM
Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Black-legged Kittiwake
Location Below dam at Red Rock, Marion Co.
Habitat on water and flying about spillway area
Date(s) 11/27/88 Time 9:50 am to 10:05 am
Name and Address Jim Sinclair, 810 North B St. Indianola
Other observers Taylor Sinclair?

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 behavior and voice.

medium size gull - smaller than present Ring-bills larger than Bonapartes. Black bill, black spot behind eye and black dorsal neck collar observable best when bird was sitting. Black terminal tail band - crescent shaped. Black wing-tips - fairly extensive, black extended through wings to the lower back area.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: cloudy, windy, miserable - bird seen on water and flying at distances from 50 yds. to 100 yds. 7x35 binocs and scope at 30x.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Bonapartes new bird - looked at lots of ring-bills and references and persons consulted before writing description:

Atl Geo Field Guide

How long before field notes made? _____ . How long before this form

completed? 4 hours