

DOCUMENTATION FORM

For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Black-legged Kittiwake (imm) How many? 1

Location? Pleasant Creek State Park, Linn Co., N. bay and SE area of lake

Type of Habitat? Open water on man-made lake

When? date(s): 9-10 Nov 91 time: 13:03 to 13:03
10:15 to 10:30

Who? your name and address: David L. Dankert, 5600 Plainview Dr, NW, C.R., IA

Others with you: Jeffrey B. Dankert, John F. Daniel

Others before or after you: John F. Daniel

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.

9 Nov (fide JBD): Small, graceful gull seen flying from my right to left, about 25 ft. high, over open water. Immediately noted the dark band on the nape of the neck, dark bar on upper wing near mantle, and forked tail with black terminal band.

10 Nov: The bird was located for us by John Daniel. Sitting on open water with other ducks and gulls. Noted the small size, and dark band on the nape of neck.

Similar species; how eliminated:

The dark band on the nape of neck was very evident on both days, and provided easy identification and separation from other gulls.

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

If yes, explain:

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

100 % overcast but clear, 9Nov (50 yds), 10Nov (100 yds)
7 X 35 binoculars, 60 mm scope, zoom 15X-60X

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

NONE

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Eastern Birds, (Peterson), Birds of N.A., (Golden), John Daniel

How long before field notes made? 6 hr this form completed? 30Nov91

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