

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Black-logged Kittiwake How many? oneLocation? Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co, Iowa

Type of habitat? \_\_\_\_\_

When? date(s): 25 October 1987 time: 9:30 to 9:45Who? your name and address: Paul Martsching 312 S. Russell Ames, Iowa 50010-6946others with you: Steve Dinsmoreothers before or after you: ?

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 voice and behavior.

A gull smaller than a Ring-billed, but considerably bigger than a Bonaparte's Gull; basically white, with black bill, black dot behind the eye, black collar on back and sides of neck, slightly forked tail with black tip, gray back; upper sides of wings gray with white trailing edge, and black tips with a black bar on the inner half, forming a sort of M. when viewed from above.

Was seen with Ring-billed Gulls and spent most of the time in the company of Bonaparte's Gulls.

Similar species and how eliminated: Was much larger than immature Little Gull. Sabine's doesn't have black bar on inner half of wings

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: bright hazy sunshine, 20 x 80 binoculars and 7 x 35 binoculars perhaps a couple hundred yards away when first seen. For several minutes it was from 15 to 100 feet away. It got so close that I couldn't focus the

Previous experience with species and similar ones: 7 x 35 binoculars.

Never seen before

References and persons consulted before writing description: Talked to Steve while watching the bird.

How long before field notes made? immediately this form completed? 3 hours

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