

Laughing Gull

CA 1819

Engineer's Contonment, IA

Thomas Say

James 1923

Record Number: 81-AZ

Classification: NA

REFERENCE

James 1823: "Larus ridibundus? -- Laughing gull."

VOTE (1981): I-V, 6-VI

VI, no evidence, probably an error.

VI, no details.

VI, Prob. Franklin's.

VI, 'Large flocks flying northward' is not believable.

VI, See comment by DuMont. Highly unlikely that 'large flocks' migrating north in w. Iowa.

James, E. 1823. Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains Performed in the Years 1819, 1820 . . . London, Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown.

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13. (58). *Larus atricilla* Linn. Laughing Gull.

This gull is a southern species, rarely found as far north as Iowa, in the interior. Thomas Say (Long's Exp., i, pp. 266-70), notes "*Larus ridibundus*. Large flocks flying northward May 20, 1820." (Engineers' Cantonment). The species has been reported from Omaha by L. Skow (Rev. Bds. Neb., 20). Dr. Trostler reported the Laughing Gull as a "scarce migrant in Pottawattamie and Mills counties. I have seen them frequently at Big Lake and Manawa Lake (Pottawattamie), and along the river in Mills county. One killed Oct. 10, 1894, at Blencoe, Iowa, by H. W. Kerr (reported to me by J. A. Dickinson, of Gresham, Neb.)." |

Anderson 1907  
p 155

Osborn 1892

*Larus atricilla* (L.). Ia.?