

Jaeger species
28 Sep 1988
Saylorville Res., Polk Co., IA
*Eloise Armstrong
IBL 59:13, 77

Record Number: 88-22
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Eloise Armstrong

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 59:13
Records Committee: IBL 59:77

VOTE: 6-A-D, 1-abstain

A-D. I have no field experince with Jaeger sp., but I have no problem expecting this bird as a Jaeger. Probably a Pomarine based on the amount of white in upperwing.

A-D. Adequate documentation (very good drawing) to describe dark morph Jaeger sp. Appears to be one of same birds as others described on 9/25 thru 10/3.

A-D. Enough information to allow Jaeger sp.

SEND TO: Eloise Armstrong, Booneville, IA 50038 [3/29/89]

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

88-22

What species? Jaeger How many? 1
Location? Saylorville Lake
Type of Habitat? Lake
When? date(s): September 28, 1988 time: 3 PM to 3 PM
Who? your name and address: Elise Armstrong - Booneville, IA 50038
Others with you: Eugene Armstrong & Steve Dinsmore
Others 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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.



Bull shaped birds
Larger than a ring-billed gull.
White flashings on underwing
White on secondary feathers on
upper wing. All dark over all.
Bigger than a coot that he made
3 passes at and tried to kill. Lit
right on top of it and pushed it under
the water. Chased a fishing boat a bit
Flew fairly close at times. Floated around
on the water. Very easy to see.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no just on specie kind.
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. 7X35 bin. 20 power scope

Viewing conditions not the best, but was not hard to
observe a large black bird with white on wings

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have observed them at Churchill and off the coast of Washington

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Birds of North America Audubon water birds
Robbins Golden Book

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 2 days

Mental notes at sighting

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).