

Laughing Gull
10 Oct 1894
Blenco, Monona Co., IA
H. W. Kerr fide J. A. Dickenson
fide Trostler; Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-BB
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907
Cooke, W. W.
Bent 1921

VOTE (1981): 4-V, 3-VI

V, No evidence, ability of observer unknown.

VI, no details.

V, third hand report.

VI, Suggestion this bird occurs 'frequently' in Pottawattamie diminishes the observer credibility.

V, Although a specimen apparently examined, fall date suggests likelihood of imm. pipixcan.

Laughing Gull

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

Anderson 1907
p 155

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.)."

1
2
3

Cooke, W. W. . Distribution and Migration of North American Gulls and Their Allies. Bull 292 US Dept Agriculture. pp 1-70
p 53

Other wandering birds have been collected at Buffalo, N. Y. (Bergtold); Cayuga Lake, N. Y. (Rathbun); Sodus Bay, N. Y., August 28, 1910 (Guelf); Montreal, Canada, October 24, 1888 (Windle); Toronto, Ontario, May 23, 1890 (Cross), and June 1, 1898 (Fleming); Blencoe, Iowa, October 10, 1894 (Anderson); Lake Koshkonong, Wis., once, July, 1860 (Kumlien and Hollister); Alda, Nebr., July, 1880 (Powell); Kansas, six times (Bunker); Sloans Lake, near Denver, Colo., December, 1889 (Smith); and Fort Wingate, N. Mex. (Coues).

3

Bent, A. C.: Life Histories of North American Gulls and Terns. Bull 113 US Nat Museum, Washington, 1921. p 162

Casual records.—There are numerous inland records of stragglers, as far north as Quebec (Montreal, October 24, 1888), and Ontario (Toronto, May 23, 1890), and as far west as Iowa (Blencoe, October 10, 1894), Colorado (near Denver, December, 1889), and New Mexico (Fort Wingate). Accidental in Bermuda (winter of 1881-82), Lower California (San José del Cabo, September 6 and November 9, 1887), Great Britain (several old records), France (Le Crotay, June 29, 1877), and Austria (near Trieste, winter).

3