

Parasitic Jaeger

6 Oct 1896

near Keokuk, Lee Co., IA

William G. Praeger

Anderson 1907, Praeger 1925, Duont 1933

Record Number: 93-EI

Classification: A-S

SPECIMEN

University of Iowa #25004

PHOTOGRAPHS

T. H. Kent, of specimen, P-0054

REFERENCES

Anderson 1907

Praeger, W.E. 1925. Birds of the Des Moines Rapids.

DuMont 1933

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A-S, The photographs show a juvenile jaeger based on heavily barred underparts and thin rufous fringe on the wing coverts. It appears to be a dark phased based on photos in the National Geographic Guide. The size of head and bill look like Parasitic to me. No measurements are given and I made no notes on size comparisons with other jaeger species. We have three statements about the location, which could be conflicting. Opposite Keokuk could be in Illinois. The Des Moines Rapids were north of Keokuk on the Mississippi before the dam was built. "Correctly Iowan" suggests that Currier was concerned about which state the bird was in. This species would likely have been seen in both states, so I give it the benefit of the doubt. /thk

A-S, In addition to the observations by the first voter, the buff tips visible at the tips of the outer primaries support identification as Parasitic (see Kaufman, Advanced Birding). /ric



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10. (37). *Stercorarius parasiticus* (Linn.). Parasitic Jaeger.

One specimen is reported from Lee county by Mr. William G. Praeger: "Accidental, one record; shot on the Mississippi opposite Keokuk and brought to me Oct. 6, 1896." Edmonde S. Currier says of this specimen: "It was shot on the Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi at Keokuk, Oct. 6, 1896. I saw the skin in Mr. Praeger's collection and think that it was properly identified. The locality is correctly Iowan." In the Coe College collection Dr. B. H. Bailey has a specimen shot Sept. 20, 1905, at Eagle Lake, near Britt, Hancock county, by James Ward. Length, 18 inches; extent of wing, 41 1/2 inches; iris hazel. Sex, female (?), doubtful, on account of the specimen being badly shot.

Praeger, W. E. 1925. Birds of the Des Moines Rapids. Auk 42:565-577.

***Stercorarius parasiticus*. PARASITIC JAEGER.**—One that had been shot opposite the city was brought to me on October 6, 1896. This is the only record. The skin is now in the museum of the University of Iowa.

DuMont 1934
pp 75-76

Stercorarius parasiticus (Linnaeus). Parasitic Jaeger

A casual visitor. An immature male, No. 25004 in the University of Iowa Museum, was shot on the Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi River, near Keokuk, on October 6, 1896. The skin was prepared by William E. Praeger who later donated it to the Museum. A specimen in the Coe College Museum was secured by James Ward, September 20, 1905, at Eagle Lake, near Britt, Hancock County. It is an immature bird, probably a female. There are no other Iowa records.

Cooke, W. W. . Distribution and Migration of North American Gulls and Their Allies. US Dept Agriculture Bull 292
pp 1-70 (p 11)

Some dates of casual or accidental occurrence in the interior are: Billings, Mo., August, 1905 (Widmann); Keokuk, Iowa, October 6, 1896 (Praeger); Eagle Lake, near Britt, Iowa, September 20, 1905 (Anderson); near Lincoln, Nebr., September 13, 1898 (Eiche); near Lawrence, Kans., October 10, 1898 (Snow); Boulder, Colo., December (Ridgway); Denver, Colo., fall of 1889 (Smith); Pueblo, Colo., fall of 1894 (Lowe). Around the Great Lakes the species has been seen at Sandusky Bay, Ohio, October 6, 1895, and September 13, 1899 (Moseley); Detroit River, Mich., November 27, 1903 (Barrows); near Dunnville, Ontario, October 16, 1886 (McIlwraith); Erie, Pa., October 15, 1874 (Sennett); North Hamlin, N. Y., November 16, 1894 (Guelf); Toronto, Ontario, June 20, 1891, and October 20, 1894 (Fleming).