

Laughing Gull

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and Mills County, Pottawattamie Co., IA

Trostler

Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-BA

Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907

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

V, Need to see 'Rev. Bds. Neb. 201; no detail, ? in Iowa or

NE.

VI, no details.

V, Not aware of reputation of observer.

VI, unbelievable.

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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.)."

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Larus atricilla Linnaeus. Laughing Gull

DuMont 1937
p 160

There are no specimens. It is probable that first year examples of *Larus pipixcan*, in which the primaries are black, have been confused with this species.