

Gull-billed Tern

CA 1819

Engineer's Cantonment, IA

Thomas Say

James 1823

Record Number: 81-IB  
Classification: NA

REFERENCES

James 1823

Anderson 1907

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

VI, probably mistaken.

VI, insufficient data.

V, Anderson doubts validity of report - no data given.

V, no details; Anderson suggests probably black tern. However,  
Bohlen lists at least one acceptable Illinois record.

Anderson 1907  
p 386

3. (63). *Gelochelidon nilotica* (Hasselq.): 'Gull-billed Tern.

The Gull-billed Tern was included by J. A. Allen in his list (1870). Thomas Say reported the "Marsh Tern" (*Sterna aranea* Wilson) at Engineers' Cantonment in 1819-20, but perhaps referred to the Black Tern (Long's Exp.). The species is of southern distribution, but has been recorded from Illinois and Michigan.

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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. p 374

*Sterna aranea*, Wilson. — Marsh tern.

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Allen 1870  
p 427

- 273. *Gelochelidon anglica*, Bonap—Marsh Tern.

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Shoemaker, F. H. 1896. Sea birds that visit Iowa. Iowa Ornithologist 2:31-34

The Gull-billed Tern is chiefly a coast bird breeding on the Gulf of Mexico, but is occasionally reported from the various portions of the Mississippi Valley.