

Thayer's Gull
31 Dec 1991
Lock and Dam 15, Scott Co., IA
*T. Kent
IBL 62:55, 70

Record Number: 91-46
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION: Thomas H. Kent

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 62:55
Records Committee: IBL 62:70

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D, All necessary field marks noted for immature Thayer's Gull, especially description of lower surface of the wing and pattern on upper surface of bird and tail.

A-D, Sufficient details provided for 1st-winter Thayer's Gull.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

91-46

What species? Thayer's Gull 1 first year How many? _____

Location? Lock + Dam 15, Davenport, Scott Co., IA

Type of Habitat? Mississippi River

When? date(s): 31 December 1991 time: 2:30 to 2:35

Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: None

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.

Same size or slightly smaller than Herring Gulls. Overall lighter brown than Herring, head, body, upper wing concolor - light brown. Darker secondary bar and outer webs of outer half of primaries. Primaries and secondaries translucent white from below. Tail band over distal half of tail - dark but lighter than Herring's. Bill all black. Leg color not seen. Lit briefly on water. Upper wing had dark-light-dark effect - but not striking. Light area at inner primaries.

Similar species; how eliminated: Translucent flight feathers and upper wing pattern and lighter tail band separate from Herring Gull

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? NA
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
Overcast. 25-50 yards. 10x binoc

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen a few

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 2 1/2 hrs this form completed? _____

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