

Lesser Black-backed Gull        ad  
28 Nov 1991  
Coralville Res., Johnson Co., IA  
\*Kent  
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DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 62:15  
Records Committee: IBL 62:71

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A-D, Adequate description and details for an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull are given.

## DOCUMENTATION OF EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SIGHTING

*Species:* Lesser Black-backed Gull. *Number:* 1 adult winter.

*Location:* Coralville Reservoir, Johnson Co., IA.

*Date:* 28 November 1991. *Time:* 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

*Name and address:* Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246.

*Others before/with/after:* Found by Jim Fuller on the 24th.

*Habitat and circumstances:* Reservoir mostly ice-covered. Gulls around small patch of open water.

*Description of bird:* Standing bird stood out because of mantle and wings that looked black. Underparts, tail, head and neck were white with some dusky streaking on neck. The bird was distinctly smaller than several Herring Gulls nearby and larger than Ring-billed Gulls that were also present. The head looked smaller than Herring Gull head. The legs were yellow compared to the pink of Herrings. The bird flew briefly and I noted that the upper wing tip was black and inner wing not quite as black. I was too far away to see bill markings. There was a prominent white trailing edge to wing. I did not see the underwing.

*Voice:* not heard.

*Similar species:* The size, wing and mantle color and yellow legs exclude other species, except perhaps for the most unlikely Yellow-footed Gull, which should be larger.

*Any one have reservations?:* Jim Fuller said that he was further away and did not see the leg color.

*Light:* cloudy with light mist. *Distance:* 150 yards (est). *Optics:* 20x scope.

*Previous experience:* Have seen one other adult in Iowa.

*References before/after viewing:* None.

*Time of field notes:* None. *Final typing:* 1.5 hours.