

Sabine's Gull  
25 Sep 1989  
Diamond L., Poweshiek Co., IA  
Koenig  
IBL 60:15, 61:85

Record Number: 89-50  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Darwin Koenig

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 60:15  
Records Committee: IBL 61:85

VOTE: 7 A-D

A-D: Acceptable documentation.

A-D: Excellent description; very well done.

A-D: Convincing description.

A-D: Good long look with all key field marks noted.

A-D: Bonaparte's, Common Black-headed or Franklins Gulls not considered. Description in itself eliminates everything except Sabine's. Well written and conclusive for this species.

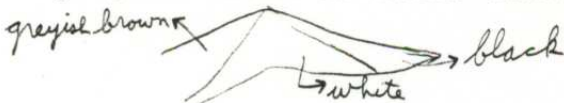
A-D: Good details and description on an excellent bird.

A-D: Satisfactory description of fairly unmistakable species.

Interesting that 89-49 and 89-50 both at same time and both juveniles.

## Sabine's Gull

Place: Diamond Lake County Park, Poweshiek County  
 Date: Sept. 25, 1989  
 Time: 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sky: Clear  
 Sun Angle: Sun WSW, most viewing to the NE, but included almost all angles  
 Distance: 30' -  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, mostly less than 100 yards  
 Binoculars: 7 x 35  
 Activity: Flying, sitting on water  
 Bill: dark  
 Head: white on forehead, lores, chin and throat, crown, nape, ear coverts, sides of neck, hind neck greyish brown.  
 Back: greyish brown  
 Tail: forked, white with black tip  
 Underparts: white, greyish brown extending down to sides of breast  
 Wings: boldly patterned with black, white and greyish brown triangles. Black triangle on outer third, white triangle on middle third, and greyish brown on inner third



Size: small for a gull - about the same size of a Forsters Tern, which accompanied the gull

Age: Juvenile

Flight: bouyant, erratic, tern-like

Similar species:

1. Black-legged Kittiwake - larger, no forked tail, lacks bold black, white, greyish-brown triangular wing pattern, has a dark diagonal bar in wings, has dark bar <sup>on</sup> hind neck and dark ~~bar~~ <sup>ear</sup> spot.

2. Little Gull - smaller, dark cap and ear spot, dark diagonal bar across wing, no forked tail, lacks bold black, white and greyish brown triangular wing pattern.

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