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Sabine's Gull   Record Number: 96-62
 2 Oct 1996   Classification: A-P
Spirit L., Dickinson Co., IA
*Ed Thelen (photo)
IBL 67:23, 82, P-0518

DOCUMENTATION
    Ed Thelen, RR 8725, Spirit Lake 51360 [4/6/97]
PHOTOGRAPH
    Ed Thelen, P-0519, IBL 67:23
REFERENCES
    Field Reports: IBL 67:23
    Records Committee: IBL 67:82
VOTE: 7 A-P
    A-P, Juvenile.

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DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? _Sabines Gull - Immature_ How many? _1_

Location? _South Shore of Big Spirit - Orleans Beach - Dickinson_

Type of Habitat? _Natural Lake - sandy shore_ County

When? date(s): _10-2-96_ time: _11:00AM to Sunset_

Who? your name and address: _Ed Thelen RR 8725 Spirit Lake Iowa 51360_

Others with you: _____

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.

(see photo)
- 400 mm lens

↓ -
associated
w/ 30+ ring-billed
gulls

Similar species; how eliminated:

Black-legged Kittiwake has bar behind head and also black diagonal bar on inner part of wing

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

Camera
400 mm len
8 x 40 binoculars

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. Distance 30-40 yds (est)

Good - sunny
- sun coming over me toward bird
(I was looking North)

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
Saw one at Lake View - Black Hawk Lake (Sept. 1994)

References and persons consulted before writing description:
Peterson Bird Guide

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? _12-7-96_

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).

Immature Sabines Gull   10-2-96

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BIG SPIRIT LAKE
DICKINSON County

photo taken from slide
by Ed Thelen
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