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Dear Tom

After mailing off my already-too-big spring report, I was browsing through ~~the~~ Iowa Birds. I came to the horrible realization that the last Herring Gull + the 18 Caspian Terns were late.

Horrible because that might mean you would expect me to document or describe the birds.

I enclose a documentation of the Herring Gull. I'm sure it's no King-bill. It's hard to be sure of more than that.

It never occurred to me to describe the Caspian Terns in my notes. They were big ~~the~~ terns, bigger than small gulls (+ seen with an assortment of gulls + terns). White. Black cap. Red bill. Sitting at edge of beach with other Larids. Hard to mistake. May 16. Independently, Tonya Bray saw them about the same date.

I'd better put away Iowa Birds.

Have a good summer.

- Don Wilson