

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: LONG-TAILED PARASITIC JAEGER Stercorarius parasiticus
 (vernacular name) longicaudus (scientific name)

2. Number: 1 Colorado

3. Location: Cherry Creek Reservoir (west side)

4. Date(s): 9/20/73 5. Time bird seen: 2 pm to 2:45 pm

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and foot coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

Size about that of Franklin Gull and shaped much like an immature Ring-billed Gull. The color was a darkish brown with a light neck and breast, dark on top of head. Back feather edgings buffy, and under tail coverts barred with black. Bill was lightish with darker tip. Legs had bluish tint. Bill medium size. The breast had a faint darker band. When flying showed white in base of primaries, and two very small protuberances extending about a half inch out from center of tail.

7. Description of voice, if heard: Not heard

8. Description of behavior: Very tame as it walked along shore close to water's edge

9. Habitat--general:
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Similar to immature Pomarine Jaeger, but smaller and lighter in color

11. Distance (how measured?): From infinity to 25 feet, measured on telephoto lens.

12. Optical equipment: 7 x 35 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Bright sunlight overhead and a little to the rear of observer.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

New species for me, but I had observed Pomarine imm. 9/26/63 at same location.

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

16. Other observers: I was alone at time of observation

17. Did others agree with your identification?

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
16x lens on Exacta camera

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