

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: Pomarine Jaeger (Vernacular Name) Stercorarius pomarinus (Scientific Name) 2. Number: 1 adult
3. Location: DeWeese Lake Westcliffe Colo
4. Date(s): 5-12-73 5. Time bird seen: 10:00 to 10:05 estm.
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
 SIZE: About size of California Gull - larger than accompanying Ring-billed Gulls.
 COLOR: Basically dark brown above, whitish below, barred sides, brownish breast band, black cap, yellowish on neck white in wing primaries.
 SHAPE: Gull like with long, pointed wings, tail with central feathers elongate and twisted, blunt
7. Description of voice, if heard: not heard
8. Description of behavior: Gull like flight
9. Habitat--general: Coniferous forest + meadow around lake about 8,000'
 specific: lake shore with grasses - water high no mud flats
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Long-t. Jaeger has very long, pointed central tail feathers
Parasitic Jaeger has short, pointed central tail feathers
11. Distance (how measured?): 150 yd across lake + 10 yd, overhead estimate
12. Optical equipment: 20X + 32X scopes 7x35 binoc
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
cloudy + gray did not silhouette bird
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
None but have seen Parasitic Jaeger
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
previous readings + personal knowledge
16. Other observers:
Sophia Bogart Dave Griffiths Bob Reed Patty Echalmeyer
17. Did others agree with your identification?
Yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Van Truan Dave Silverman on 5-13-73
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:
photo by V. Truan 5-13 I do not know out come of photos
Dave Silverman Street Address: 410 S. 43
- Signature
 Date Prepared: 5-14-73 City and State: Boulder Colo 80303

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1. Species: POMARINE JAEGER Stercorarius pomarinus 2. Number: 1 adult
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: De Weese Reservoir north of Westcliffe, Custer County
4. Date(s): May 13, 1973 5. Time bird seen: 9:30 to 11:45
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
While trying to confirm the previous days pomarine jaeger at the west end of Lake De Weese Dave Silverman and myself saw the bird. It was white underneath and dark on top. I noted the long tail with overlapping tips. The bird was very large as compared ruddy ducks which were near. The tail was also, rounded at the tip.
7. Description of voice, if heard: No Voice heard.
8. Description of behavior: swimming and flying around the lake
9. Habitat--general: Lake
specific: lake-7,000ft+
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
parasitic jaeger-tail not overlapped and pointed at the end
long-tailed jaeger-long pointed tail.
11. Distance (how measured?): 50ft. to 200 yds. measured with camera lens
12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars 20-45 scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
Sky cloudy-good light.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
It was a life bird
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
I knew it was very rare inland.
16. Other observers: Dave Silverman
17. Did others agree with your identification?
yes
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Dave Griffiths, Steve Hanson, and others
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Western Field Guide and Birds of N. America were used in the field.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
Bird sitting-600mm lens and bird flying 500mm lens both on a pentax spotmatic camera. Street Address: 2510 Elizabeth

Signature

Date Prepared: July 10, 1973

City and State: Pueblo, Colorado 81003

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