

Species: POMARINE JAEGER

(Vernacular Name)

Stercorarius pomarinus

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): October 6, 1973

Time Bird Seen: 9:00 A.M.

to 9:30 A.M. (MDT)

Locality: Prospect Reservoir

Nearest Town: Prospect Valley

County: Weld

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>NONE</u>		

Optical Equipment: 10X Binoculars; 15X-60X Telescope

Light Conditions: Clear, bright sky; minimal "heat-waves"; light from behind obs

Distance from Bird (how measured): 600 feet (estimated)

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Adult (intermediate phase)

Overall Appearance and Size: Size of Herring Gull; dark appearing and Gull-like when at rest on water; in flight, dark appearing, long, pointed wings (light colored shafts on primaries); large tail with two elongated central tail

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field): feathers

Bill (shape and color): large, gull-like, slightly hooked; lighter than head; dark tip

Legs (shape and color): Not noted

Crown and Forehead: Black

Eye (color): Dark

Nape: Whitish (collared)

Face: Black

Throat: White

Breast and Sides: Whitish, becoming sooty on sides

Belly and Flanks: Not noted

Undertail Coverts: Not noted

Back: dark brownish-black

Wings: dark brownish-black; prominent white shafts on primaries in flight

Underwings: dark

Rump: dark brownish-black

Uppertail Coverts: brownish-black

Upper Side of Tail: dark-brownish-black

Under Side of Tail: dark

Shape of Tail: Fanned (square-shaped) in flight; prominent broad central feathers

Voice: Not heard

Behavior: Very inactive; at rest on water for 25 minutes; finally flew off with strong, deliberate flight to middle of reservoir where it came to rest again

Habitat: Fresh water reservoir on high plains

Prior Experience with this Species: Have seen only once before - an immature at Prewitt Reservoir, Logan County, Colorado on September 19, 1970

Observed adult Parasitic Jaeger at Jackson Reservoir on 11/15/70; September 23, 1970, saw an immature Parasitic Jaeger at Barr Lake

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Parasitic Jaeger eliminated on smaller size, smaller bill, more rapid flight and smaller, pointed central tail feathers. Long-tail Jaeger I have never seen but is eliminated due to its extremely long-tail feathers (central). Immature gulls eliminated on less pointed wings, tail size and shape, and lack of white shafts on primaries when in flight.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during _____ after ☒ observation; Memory _____

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