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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Pomarine Jaeger (Vernacular Name) Stercorarius pomarinus (Scientific Name)Date(s): October 5, 1985Number of birds seen: one Sex: undetermined Plumage: Lt. phase adultLocality: Jackson Reservoir Elevation: ~4200'Nearest town: Goodrich County: _____Time(s) observed: 4:30 - 5:30 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): approx 1 hour.Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Doug and Judy Ward 9224 Baseline, Lafayette, Co 80026 (666-8985)

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers)

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):
Mostly direct light at observers backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 Binocs; 20X, 30X Spotting ScopeDistance, and how measured: as close as 200 metersIf photographed, type of equipment and film: 300mm on Pentax ME, Kodachrome 64

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

The bird was seen attacking Ring-billed and California Gull, also periods of up to 10 minutes were spent sitting upon the water.

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observe in the field:

Typical Jaeger shape. Body length slight larger than Ring-billed Gull, chest and breast heavier. Wing span approximately same as California Gull. Wings and tail wider and chest heavier than Parasitic Jaeger. Central tail feathers 3-4" longer than rest of tail, ~~tail~~ extended tail feathers spoon shaped and twisted. Bill length approximately as long as head, bill thicker than Parasitic Jaeger.

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Description (continued):

Plumage: Light phase winter adult. Large white crestants at base of 6 or 7 primaries. Thick and solid breast band at the base of the throat and upper breast. Chest off-white. Undertail coverts and belly dark gray, axillaries and flanks and underwing to midway to wrist was dark and light barred. Rest of underwing was dark mottled except crestant. Cap and upperparts dark, cap separated from back by yellowish nape and chin.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): N/A

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:
Large open Reservoir.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Plumage eliminated all *Larus* species.

Elimination of other Jaeger species primarily by tail shape and extended tail feathers. Other features: larger white wing patch, thicker bill, overall larger size than Parasitic Jaeger and flight much heavier than other Jaeger.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Up to 10 Pomarine's, 25 Parasitics, and Long-tailed Jaegers were studied in Monterey Bay August 1985.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation: none

b) after observation: Seabirds by Harrison

This report was written from reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____
Date and time report was written: 11 August 1986

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