

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Pomarine Jaeger / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 7-4-91Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage: Adult

Latilong: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Locality: Barr Lake Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_Nearest town: Denver County: \_\_\_\_\_

Time(s) observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): ~45-60 min

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

I was alone - Joe Keller had seen the bird 1-2 days ago  
Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):233-4476

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Bright Sunshine - some heat waves...Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7x42B Zeiss binocs; 15.60 SwiftsDistance and how measured: ~100 yards out on lake

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mainly sitting on water - flew up briefly once

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 observed in the field:

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Description (continued): The bird was larger than Ring-billed Gulls  
and appeared roughly the same size as a near-by California Gull -  
Bill shape + general plumage were clearly either Pomarine or Parasitic  
my "comfort" = I.D. was based on clearly seeing enlarged, blunted  
central tail feathers through the scope - otherwise I wouldn't have felt  
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery,  
(i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): comfortable = the I.D.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

out in middle of lake ...

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

By appearance of tail feathers

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

I had just seen multiple jaegers of all 3 species in  
Alaska + on Gambel this spring - also on both E. + W. coast  
pelagic in past

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

a) At time of observation: Nat'l Geo Field Guide

b) After observation: \_\_\_\_\_

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after  
observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory ✓

Date and time report was written: 12-31-91

Reporting observer: Bill Fink Signature: W. Fink M.D.

Address: 2325 15th Ave. Longmont, Co. 80503

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Sorry - I "buried" this form  
and forgot about it for a long  
time ...



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Species: Pomarine Jaeger / Stercorarius pomarinus  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): first sighted Saturday June 29, 1991Number of birds seen: one Sex: ? Plumage: Light Phase

Latilong: \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Locality: Parr Lake State Park Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_Nearest town: Brighton County: AdamsTime(s) observed: approx. 10:00 AmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

- ① Erik Hedl, 2731 Juniper Ave, Boulder, Co. 80304, 449-7460  
 ② Park Naturalist Volunteer David Rhodes, Address unknown

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

Unknown

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Clear sunny morning, Bird in Center of lake in Full sunOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 9x25 Binoculars and Scope w/boxDistance and how measured: Between 100 yards and 1/4 mile, visual measure

If photographed, type of equipment and film: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else photographed the bird: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bird floated in middle of lake until gulls came near it. Then bird chased and attacked gulls in an aggressive manner. Gulls left, bird returned.  
 Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color to field 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 observed in the field:

The bird was about the same size as the gulls he chased, but on the smaller side. He had a dark cap and back, a white belly, light yellow on

Description (continued): his face and back of neck, Two long central  
tail feathers, large area of white on underwing primaries, tail  
feathers looked square and thick (referring to the 2 long ones). Bill  
was dark and gull-like, but not as long. Flight rhythmic and steady.

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

none given

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

center of lake only

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

By size and extensive underwing white area

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

none whatsoever

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

a) At time of observation: ① Golden Guide to Birds of North America  
② Nat'l Geographic Guide to Birds of North America

b) After observation: those listed above as well as Audubon Society Field Guide  
to North American Birds

This report was written from reports made during \_\_\_\_\_, after  
observation \_\_\_\_\_, from memory X

Date and time report was written: 14 July 1991 10:30 am

Reporting observer: Lynda Hedl Signature: Lynda Hedl

Address: 2731 Timpia Ave. Boulder, CO 80304

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