

Species: Lesser Black-backed Gull Larus fuscus
(Common Name) (Scientific)

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Date(s): 5/24/94 Time seen 0630 to 0730Locality E Point, Adobe Creek Res., then onto Gull nesting islandNearest town & county Haswell

Number seen	Gender	Ages	Pleumage	Photos
Males		Adults	Breeding	Transition
Females		Juv/Imm	Eclipse	Dark phase
Imm/O		2/3 yr	Winter	Light phase
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Distance from bird(s) 100' Light conditions bright a.m.-sun Notes made: At time of sighting _____Optical Equip 10x40 B+L custom After observation from memory X

Describe Habitat

with California Gulls at noted Gull Colony on Island in
Adobe creek (Blue Lake) Res.

Atlas Breeding Code Overall behavior. Did it interact with any other birds? Describe.

T ~~The one I'd use~~ The one I'd use. White breaking camp, several Gulls hunted just offshore, and the Lesser Black-backed immediately jumped to my mind as a possibility. Because of its longer, more pointed wings, lack of white spots at the wingtip, and noticeably darker mantle. It landed to roost, and a few minutes later, it flew by. This time, I saw the bright yellow eye, longer yellow bill with red on the lower mandible, and bright yellow legs. It was an adult, about the size of the California, but looked larger in flight because of the longer wings.

Describe all field marks observed: size, color, pattern, shape, bill, etc. Describe any unique features this bird had.

For the sake of the atlas, it flew to and landed on the island, where Gulls are well known to occasional nest with other gull species. To me, it is likely to nest with a California Gull on the island. I used to come out there & know the biology of the gulls there well.

What song or sounds did it make?

N/A

Field marks not seen. Why not?

N/A

Variation from expected field marks

N/A

List similar species. Why and how did you eliminate them?

California is the most similar to LBBG of all expected Gull species in NA in size, leg color (yellow-green in CASII), but other differences are noted above

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

This is my 4th adult Lesser Black-backed Gull in Colorado. I found a winter adult on the Denver Urban XMAS count that was re-found by dozens during a 3 month stay there.

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