

Accepted JK 9/18/74

Species: Laughing Gull (Vernacular Name) Larus atricilla (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 19, 1974 Time Bird Seen: 10:15 am to 10:30 am (appx)

Locality: Pond about 1.5 miles south of Gill on St # 37

Nearest Town: Gill County: Weld

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Steve Larson 2955 Glenwood Dr. # 214, Boulder

Optical Equipment: Nikon binoculars 8X30 8.5°

Light Conditions: Sunny - Lighting excellent

Distance from Bird (how measured): 25 yds appx

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Plumage: adult, breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: Gull shape and wingbeat - long, slender, pointed wings, about 14" long

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

Bill (shape and color): dark red

Legs (shape and color): dark red, webbed feet

Crown and Forehead: black

Eye (color): dark

Nape: white

Face: black, some white by eye Throat: black

Breast and Sides: white

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: Gray

Wings: Gray shading to black at ends, no white except along trailing edge

Underwings: mostly white, shading to dark at ends

Rump: white

Uppertail Coverts: white

Upper Side of Tail: white

Under Side of Tail: white

Shape of Tail: rounded

Voice: not heard

Behavior: Flying over pond, circling

Habitat: large marshy pond in agricultural area

Prior Experience with this Species: familiar from about two months' observation of hundreds in Florida and on Texas Gulf Coast

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Wings were completely dark at ends, eliminating Franklin's Gull, which has white. Also, a Franklin's Gull was nearby - at one point, the two gulls were within 5 feet of each other - and the size difference was distinct, the Laughing Gull being larger.

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

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☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

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Optical Equipment: 7x35 Bushnell Binoc + 20x ScopeLight Conditions: Sun OverheadDistance from Bird (how measured): 25 yd estimateNumber of Birds Seen: 1Sex: Plumage: adult BreedingOverall Appearance and Size: long pointed wings streamlined body about 12" long

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

Bill (shape and color): red, hookedLegs (shape and color): red, palmate feetCrown and Forehead: blackNape: white - black band toward head Face: black-white markings Eye (color): darkBreast and Sides: whiteBelly and Flanks: whiteUndertail Coverts: whiteBack: grayWings: gray shading to black on primaries only white on trailing edgeUnderwings: whitish darkening on primariesRump: whiteUppertail Coverts: whiteUpper Side of Tail: whiteUnder Side of Tail: whiteShape of Tail: short roundedVoice: not heardBehavior: soaring in circles over pondHabitat: agricultural farm pond - cattails mudflatsPrior Experience with this Species: Saw thousands off Texas CoastHow Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Franklin's Gull's (which were also present) have white "mirrors" in primaries Bonaparte's Gull has white wing tips not black.This Report was Written From: Notes made during after X observation; Memory Signed: Steve SorensonStreet Address: 2955 Glenwood Dr #34Date Prepared: 5-19-74Town and State: Boulder ColoZIP 80301

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