

Accepted JR 9/26/75

Species: Laughing Gull

(Vernacular Name)

Larus atricilla

23-75-81

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 8, 1975

Time Bird Seen: appx 10 a.m. to appx 10:05 am

Locality: Tumalo Reservoir W. of Julesburg, Colo.

also about 1/2 hour later for a few minutes

seen later at Red Lion Refuge

Nearest Town: Great Bend, CO

County: Sedgwick

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME
John Butter

ADDRESS
5194 Galt Way, San Diego, CA 92117

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: Nikon 8x30 8.5°

Light Conditions: excellent

Distance from Bird (how measured): appx 15' estimate - flew directly overhead

Number of Birds Seen: 1

Sex:

Plumage:

adult breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: gull, fairly large

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

Bill (shape and color): reddish

Legs (shape and color): reddish

Crown and Forehead: black

Nape: black

Face:

black, some white around eye

Eye (color):

Throat: black

Breast and Sides: white

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: grey

Wings: all dark on wing tips (no white spots) with white trailing edge

Underwings: shading to dark at tips

Rump: white

Uppertail Coverts: white

Upper Side of Tail: white

Under Side of Tail: white

Shape of Tail: rounded

Voice:

Behavior: flying over reservoir

Habitat: reservoir; deciduous

Prior Experience with this Species: many sightings in Texas & Florida, plus 2 previous Colorado sightings.

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Franklin's Gull does not have all-dark wing tips

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

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Date Prepared: June 19, 1975 Town and State: Longmont, CO

ZIP 80501

Species: LAUGHING GULL

Larus atricilla

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): June 8, 1975

Time Bird Seen: 10:15 to 10:45 +

Locality: Jumbo Reservoir and Red Lion Refuge ~ 12:00 - 12:10

Nearest Town: Creek, Co County: Sedgwick

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Custom Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: _____

Distance from bird (how measured): _____

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: _____ Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Typical buoyant flight of a small gull. Bird was observed in flight on both occasions

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

Size: slightly larger, longer wings, more bulky body than Foster's Terns with which it was observed.

Shape: Wings long, neck short, tail moderately short, fan shaped. Wings with prominent bend at base of primaries

Plumage: Head: Forehead, nape, sides of head and throat black. Neck, breast, sides, belly, under tail coverts, tail, upper tail coverts, and rump white.

Mantle, tertials, secondaries primaries, upper wing coverts grey with primaries slightly darker than mantle.

Underwing coverts whitish - under sides of primaries grey.

(OVER)

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Freshwater lake (reservoir) and fresh water marsh

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Franklin's, Bonaparte's, and Black headed and Sabine's Gull were eliminated by lack of white in wings.

Little gull was eliminated by larger size and white underwing coverts

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have observed Laughing Gulls in Virginia, Maryland in 1972, In California at the Salton Sea in 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Birds of N. America by Robbins et al

Birds of Canada by Galbraith

This report was written from notes made during _____ after ☒ observation; from memory _____ 1975

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