

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

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

Date(s): June 7, 1976 Time Bird Seen: 4:45 pm to 4:50 pm

Locality: CF & Lakes Res No 3 approx 7 miles south of Pueblo

Nearest Town: Pueblo County: Pueblo

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars, 32 power Bushnell Scope

Light Conditions: good

Distance from Bird (how measured): estimated 100 to 150 feet

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: adult

Overall Appearance and Size: medium sized gull - black head
dark mantle - no white in primaries

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

Bill (shape and color): dark - almost black - some reddish

Legs (shape and color): very dark

Crown and Forehead: black

Nape: white - black headed gull Face: black

Eye (color):
Throat: black

Breast and Sides: white

Belly and Flanks: white

Undertail Coverts: white

Back: Dark Gray

Wings: Dark Gray to Black - white trailing edge fairly

Underwings:

Rump: white

Uppertail Coverts: white

Upper Side of Tail: white

Under Side of Tail: white

Shape of Tail: square

Voice: not heard

Behavior: sat on shore - resting & preening - then flew
across lake

Habitat: fresh water, marsh and lake

Prior Experience with this Species: since Dec 1972 - large numbers
of Coast T. Florida to April 1975 - common near Savannah
Black Sea - seen several times in Colo

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Franklin's Gull has
white patch in primaries - generally lighter colored
head & legs - lighter colored mantle

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

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