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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Long-tailed JaegerScientific Name Stercorarius longicaudusObs. date 9-18-91 Time(s) 10:30 amDuration of obs. 20 minDistance from bird 100-400 ydsLight conditions Bright sunlight, clear, calm. Scintillation negligibleOptical equip. B&L 9x35 Binos., Bushnell Spacemaster II 60mm, 15-45 200mPhoto equip. none

Notes made at time of sighting \_\_\_\_\_

Date report prepared

Notes made later from memory 9-2-91

Weather at time of this observation.

Calm, clear, cloudless. Bright sunlight.Scintillation negligible

Prior weather and number of days since change

4 or 5 days of unusually heavy rainfall, which had cleared up 2 days before.

Locality

Upper end of Deer Creek Reservoir, West of Heber City, Utah, 100 to 400 yds north of U.S. Highway 189.

Enter number of birds in each category.

GENDER(S)

Males \_\_\_\_\_

Females \_\_\_\_\_

♀ or Imms \_\_\_\_\_

Unknowns 1

AGES(S)

Adults 1

Juv/Imms \_\_\_\_\_

2/3 yr birds \_\_\_\_\_

Unknowns \_\_\_\_\_

PLUMAGE(S)

Breeding 1

Transition \_\_\_\_\_

Eclipse \_\_\_\_\_

Dark phase \_\_\_\_\_

Winter \_\_\_\_\_

Light ph. \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO(S)

Available \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Total number observed.

1Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Initial reaction was gull. Same size, general ~~body~~ body shape and color (though noticeably darker) as California Gull nearby. Also had white throat, breast and head as gull, except for tern-like black cap. The line between black (above) and white (below) started at base of black bill and angled upward to bottom of eye and continued at same angle to peak below the crown on the side of the head and then downward to a sharp point on the back of the head. Bill was gull-like and black. Feet and legs were black or very dark grey. Flight was more tern-like than gull-like. I was confused by tern-like flight and black cap versus gull-like bill, coloration and body shape. I hoped to see whether tail was forked (tern-like) or fanned (gull-like). When bird banked to land, 100 yds away, tail was fanned but with 2 ~~str~~ central streamers that were again as long as the rest of the tail feathers. At this point I realized that bird was a Jaeger. I looked for dusky band across throat, of which there was no hint. Looked for yellow on throat, but found none after close inspection. Concluded it was Long-tailed Jaeger based on lack of dusky throat band and length of streamers.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Contrast between grayish mantle and darker flight feathers not noted because it was not looked for. However grayish mantle was observed to be same hue as California Gull nearby, but somewhat darker.

Variations from expected field marks.

No yellow on the throat

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Pomarine Jaeger - Tail streamers not twisted, No dusky band across throat.  
Parasitic Jaeger - No dusky band across throat

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Moved frequently. Would fly up and settle down again nearby. Near water, but not in water. Made one relatively long flight, more or less straight at me, from a far range of 400 yds to the near range of 100 yds. Flight was tern-like.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Gravel flat recently exposed by lowering reservoir level.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

none heard

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Familiar w/ Gulls and Terns common to Utah

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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