

1981-03 ufb

Species: Glaucous Gull  
(Vernacular name)Larus hyper-boreus  
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): Feb. 15 1981 Time Bird Seen: 4:45 PM to 5:15 PMLocality: Farmington Bay Refuge  
Farmincton UT  
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 60 Power B+L Zoom Scope - Binoculars

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Plumage: 2nd year gullLight conditions: Bright.Distance from bird, and how measured: 100 yrs

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

† Flushed from dyke, landed on sand spit - standing with California Ring-billed gulls - very still

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

Standing on sand spit in Great Salt Lake.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address)

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is used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Very white overall, however mantle ~~mottled~~ ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> mottled (Light) grey - Tip of bill black -  
- Very large in flight. Wings when ~~sitting~~ standing ~~and~~ appeared even with tail when struffed wings. ~~was~~ Much larger than California & Ringbills.

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

No sound

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

~~Too~~ Too white To be  
Glaucous winged Gull in ~~Too~~ 2nd yr

Prior experience with this and similar species:

None

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_ after  observation; from memor

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