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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: Sabine's Gull

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

DATE: 9/20/97

TIME: 8:45 A.M. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 15 min.

NUMBER: 1

AGE: 1st winter SEX: ?

LOCATION: Quail Lake Reservoir

LAT/LONG:

ELEVATION: 3000 ft. App.

DISTANCE TO BIRD: Between 100 and 15 ft.

WEATHER: Mostly clear

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Great

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

The bird was first observed by Lew as it landed on the water near a raft of Eared Grebes. The continuous wind made it take a flight, during which we saw the black-and-white wing-pattern and uniform gray back and upperwing coverts. It disappeared for a few minutes ~~and~~ as it flew a distance from us, and then reappeared and landed 200 ft. from us on a rocky shoreline. Lew and I walked to within 15 ft. of it where we noticed the dark legs, lack of yellow-tip to the bill and gray-brown nape, top of head, ear coverts, and white above eye. This further identified it as a 1st winter Sabine's Gull.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY:

None

BEHAVIOR:

Fed on crawfish on shore, first seen floating on water.

HABITAT: Open reservoir with rocky shoreline

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

Bonaparte's, Franklin's Gulls:
They lack solid black primaries and uniform colored back and upperwing coverts. They also lack large white white-wing-patch.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

I have seen Bonaparte's and Franklin's Gulls at Quail Lake on previous excursions.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

Peterson West field Guide

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING , NOTES MADE LATER _____,
FROM MEMORY ←

OBSERVER: Joshua Kreitzer

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

Lew Wilkinson
George and Bunny

DATE PREPARED: 9/21/97

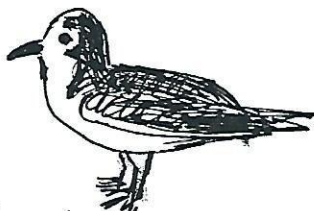
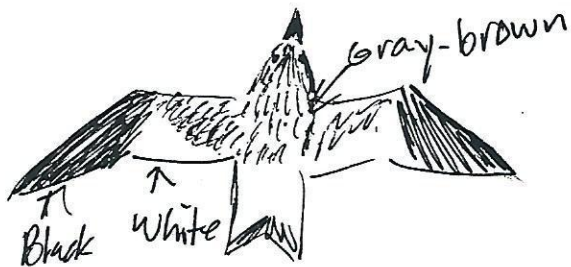
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