

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM

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1. Common and scientific name: Great Black-backed Gull (Larus marinus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 1st year bird
3. Locality: Louisiana: Orleans Parish: City Dump
4. Date(s) when seen: 28 February 1982
5. Times of day when seen: early to mid morning
6. Reporting observer and address: Mark B. Robbins, Bird Division, Academy of Natural Sciences, 19th & The Parkway, Philadelphia, PA
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Steve Cardin, M. Myers, D. Muth, & D. Purrington
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: all of the above
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): under overcast sky
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x40 Zeiss & through scopes
11. Distance to bird: ~125 yards
12. Duration of observation: ~5 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific): open field at the edge of some of New Orleans's finest garbage (post Mardi Gras)
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Observed sitting with Herring & Ring-billed Gulls
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

The bird stood out from all the other gulls in the field by its immense size — it was noticeably larger than any of the nearby Herring Gulls. The massive black bill contrasted with the large white head. The back & folded wings were brown. The upper back had a scaly appearance. The tarsi were pinkish in color.

characteristic of 1st year Br. Black-backs — (perhaps checker board pattern would describe the appearance of the back more accurately)

16. Voice: _____

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

See opposite side

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

19. Previous experience with this species: *observed in Maine, Maryland & Virginia*

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation;

None

b) after observation:

Peterson + Robbins et al field guides

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; X notes made after observation; _____ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: *Mr. Bli Holli*

24. Date and time of writing this account:

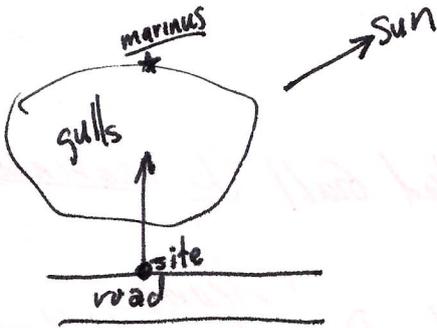
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2nd La.
record

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1. Common and scientific name: Great Black-backed Gull (*L. marinus*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 imm (1st winter)
3. Locality: Louisiana: New Orleans Parish: Orleans
New Orleans City Dump, Almonaster Dr at Road Blvd
4. Date(s) when seen: Feb. 28, 1982 (2/28/82)
5. Times of day when seen:
6. Reporting observer and address: R.D. PURRINGTON
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
S. Cardiff, M. Robbins, Mac Myers (David Muth?)
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): sun approx. at 90° to line of sight (see over)
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 2 telescopes 20x and 30x; 10x50 binoculars
11. Distance to bird: 75 yds
12. Duration of observation: 1 minute
13. Habitat (general and specific): Fill area adjacent to dump
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
Resting with ~ 500+ Herring and Ring-billed Gulls
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):
With binoculars, the individual, which was at the back of the resting flock, stood out because of massive size. In 30x scope, the following marks were seen: massive black bill, very light head and breast, gray salt-and-pepper body mottling. Much larger than nearby Herring Gulls, bill much more massive.



16. Voice:

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Herring Gull, imm. See #15

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

Only the adult 11/14/81, first La. record

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation;

b) after observation:

} not consulted

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? . If not, explain:

Yes

23. Signature of reporter:

Michael Purdy

24. Date and time of writing this account:

12/16/82

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1. Common and scientific name: Larus marinus
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): one first-year bird
3. Locality: Louisiana: New Orleans Parish: Orleans
4. Date(s) when seen: 2/28/82
5. Times of day when seen: about 11:30 a.m.
6. Reporting observer and address:
R.D. Porrington Tulane Univ. Physics Dept.
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Steve Cardiff, Mark Robbins, Mac Myers, David Muth
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): light overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
3 scopes; mine 30x Batscope
11. Distance to bird: 80 yds
12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific):
pool area near dump
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): resting
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

Massive immature gull, heavy black bill, head, breast very light, back streaked/mottled grey.

The bird was sitting with 100+ Herring Gulls
of several flocks w/ many Ring-billed Gulls.
Clearly larger than L. argentatus

16. Voice: _____

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First year Herring Gull. Much (30%?) larger,
much heavier (deeper) all black bill. Light head, breast.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

no

19. Previous experience with this species:

Adult only

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation;

none

b) after observation:

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes
made after observation; memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: Mark Barry

24. Date and time of writing this account:

3/5/82

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9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): tight overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
3 scopes; mine 30x Batscope
11. Distance to bird: 80 yds
12. Duration of observation: 2 minutes
13. Habitat (general and specific):
spoil area near dump
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification):
resting
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23. Signature of reporter: John Barry

24. Date and time of writing this account:

3/5/82

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-42 A, B Species Great Black-backed Gull

Committee Member's Name Schulenberg Date of Review 28 December 1983

Circulation: First X; Second ; Third .

Decision:

Accept X
Reject, origin questionable
Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

More detail would be appreciated, especially on 82-42 B, but even as described, the characters point to a correct identification.

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-42 Species Great Black-backed Gull

Committee Member's Name H. Jeter Date of Review 9 Apr 84

Circulation: First ; Second ; Third .

Decision:

Accept
Reject, origin questionable
Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-42 Species Great Black-backed Gull

Committee Member's Name David P. Muth Date of Review 4-26-84

Circulation: First ; Second ; Third .

Decision:

Accept

Reject, origin questionable

Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

I saw this bird.

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Validation Form

Record Number 82-42 Species Great Black-backed Gull

Committee Member's Name Purkington Date of Review 5/13/84

Circulation: First ; Second ; Third .

Decision:
Accept
Reject, origin questionable
Reject, Identification questionable

Comments (please print or type):

