

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):

mostly loafing

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

- large size (2x RBG); long thick pink legs; bill-horn with distal 1/3 dark; eye dark.
- head massive, blocky; distinct brow - white
- mantle and wings brown - light brown feathers w/ dark center.
- underwings - generally brown
- body otherwise white (w/ 2 blood stains on lower breast) - and some faint streaking below - i.e. in unworn areas - lower nape, side of breast - mid of collar.
- tail white w/ worn dark band - uppertail w/ some dark mottling.

16. Voice: none } - new inner primaries, black w/ white tips.

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): size and plumage unmistakable - bill and primaries indicate 2nd year? - but lack of black feathers in mantle ???

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): yes, attached (just found and processed film!)

19. Previous experience with this species:

moderate

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: none

b. after observation: usual

21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); ___ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter: David P. Muth 4-3-98
(date) (time)

6/11 - BL5K

6/19/54
 HAWK, GOLF BOWL
 HAWK - LIVER
 1400 of 1700
 GORGE
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 GORGE
 GORGE
 1400 - head
 1720 - re wall - plates
 15 size 2x EBALL (4 pins)
 Long - thick pink legs
 All - born with dark double 3
 eye dark.

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Good name - black
 dark brown
 white -
 mantle + wing brown
 light brown bottom
 dark brown
 underwing - brown
 2 blood spots on lower
 of brown - dark red -
 a few spots on
 underwing (brown spots)
 tail dark with work
 head + upper hind with
 some dark nesting
 very dark brown
 interacting + was

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6/15
 LIVER
 HAWK
 GOLF
 Good name
 6/18/56
 GORGE
 GORGE
 GORGE
 GORGE
 LIVER - 25
 FORE - 4
 PINE - 4
 VITE - 10
 CATE - 4
 LATE - 1
 PINE - 3
 2 AKI - 1

RESULTS OF
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Round 95
(4 First Circulation and 1 Second Circulation Records)
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round completed: 8 April 2004

FIRST CIRCULATION RECORDS:

94-81 Great Black-backed Gull

Report, notes, and eight color slides by David P. Muth.

OUTCOME: ACCEPT

The following Members accepted this record: Dittmann, Fontenot, Wallace, Myers, Dickson, Cardiff, and Conover.

Donna L. Dittmann, 4 March 2004; Accept. Photos and description are consistent with this species. I believe the bird's age to be First Alternate molting to Second Basic.

Bill Fontenot, 05 March 04; accept Interesting bird in that plumage seems to indicate second winter, but date of observation was mid-June..... retained juv? I'm not sure about this one.....

Phillip Wallace; March 20, 2004, Accept. The photos show a Great Black-backed Gull, either a first or second year bird. The bicolored bill indicates 2nd year, but everything else indicates 1st year. The overall size of the bird and the size and shape of the head and bill indicate the species.

B. Mac. Myers III; 2 April 2004, Accept identification. The photos aren't great, but it looks like a GBBG.

Paul Dickson, 04/05/04, , ACCEPT, Photos convincing.

Steven W. Cardiff; 5 April 2004; Accept Identification and Origin. Looks solid for a 1st-summer Great Black-backed. I suppose that one could say that there's nothing diagnostic at this age that would rule out Kelp Gull, but the bird just looks too massive and massive-billed for anything other than GBBG.

P. Conover, 8 April 2004; Accept This bird looks good in all regards--size, pattern, shape-- for GBBG.