

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Please Type or Print Legibly

Species: Number: (leave blank)

Location: Date: Time:

Bird Seen: To: Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

Medium-sized gull; see photos

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Dark bill; white tail with dark band; brown and black wings; see photos

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

None heard

Description of behavior:

Flying around lake, occasionally resting on shore

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Freshwater lake

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

We were standing at the boat launch at the southern end of the lake when we first saw the gull, which flew along the opposite shore and then worked its way over towards the boat launch. It landed a few times on the rocky shore adjacent to the boat launch, offering great looks of the gull both perched and in flight throughout the hour. Swarovski AT 80 spotting scope and a Zeiss Terra 8x42 binocular used to observe and Nikon D5100 used to photograph.

Previous experience with this species:

Numerous observations, in the species' usual range along the eastern coast.


Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)


I have seen 18 gull species in the United States and the tail and wing pattern on this bird did not match any species other than Laughing Gull.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.

Photos by:

Mollee Brown, 

Additional observer signature: 

Additional observer signature:

Additional observer signature:

Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:

Sibley Guide to Birds (compared illustrations with bird in field)
Alvaro Jaramillo (showed him photos and he agreed with ID of juvenile Laughing Gull)

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

4 months

Name:

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Please use the space below to add any appropriate details you feel were missing from the above form or to expand on any answers whose allotted space was insufficient for a complete response:

