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Verification of Unusual Sight Record

Species: Glaucous Gull Larus hyerboreus Date: Dec 28, 1984

Number: 1 Age: Second Winter Sex: Unknown

Locality (exact address or other specific information to describe location, such as x miles north of x intersection):

Salt Lake Landfill

County: Salt Lake City: West Valley Elevation: 4262

Time: 12 PM Length of time observed: 10 minutes

Habitat: Dump

Distance to bird: 100 ft (variable) Light conditions: Overcast

Optical equipment: 15-60X scope

Observer: Ella Sorensen

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Dave Fischer told me he had seen what was probably this individual in early January.

DESCRIPTION. Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern color, and any unique features.

Large almost totally white gull. Legs Pink. Bill large, appeared yellowish pink at the base and had a definite dark tip. Eye was light. Appeared to be the largest gull at the dump on that day.

The primaries in flight were flahy white. The only color at all was a little on the wing coverts on the standing bird and on the under wing coverts when the bird was seen in flight.

Voice and/or call notes:

Behavior:

Describe what specific feature(s) you saw and/or heard that caused you to come to your conclusions:

What similar species might it have been, and how were these eliminated?

Iceland would be smaller with a smaller appearing bill. This gull was larger than the nearby Herring gulls.

What experience have you had with this and similar species? shape

Albino because it had all the marks of a Glaucous (size, head and bi
I have seen Glaucous Gulls each of the last four winters.

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

Significance of record in the area and/or the state:

Additional material (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available):

Signature:

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