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Latilong \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 84004  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name MEW GULL  
Scientific Name LARUS CANUS  
Obs. date 2-11-84 Time(s) 11:45<sup>am</sup>-12:20 P.M.  
Duration of obs. ABOUT 20-25 MINUTES  
Distance from bird 75-90 YARDS (20 YDS. IN FLIGHT)  
Light conditions GOOD - BRILLIANT SUNSHINE  
Optical equip. 7X50 BINOCS & SPOTTING SCOPE-30X  
Photo equip. NONE  
Notes made at time of sighting \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes made later from memory X

Weather at time of this observation.  
OVERHEAD WAS CLEAR; CLOUDY TOWARDS MTNS. TEMP. ABOUT 40°F.  
Prior weather and number of days since change  
SNOWSTORM PREVIOUS 24 HRS. VERY COLD & SMOGGY FOR 3-4 WKS PRIOR TO STORM.  
Locality  
S.L.C. GARBAGE DUMP. ACTUALLY TO THE EAST OF FENCE SURROUNDING THE DUMP.  
Date report prepared  
2-12-84

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
Total number observed.	Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>X</u>	Adults _____ Juv/Imms <u>X 1st W.</u> 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	Breeding _____ Eclipse _____ Winter <u>1st</u> Other _____	Transition _____ Dark phase _____ Light ph. _____ Available _____ Enclosed _____
<u>ONE</u>				

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

SIZE - SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN RING-BILLED GULL (16-17 IN.).  
COLORATION - HEAVILY WASHED WITH BROWN BELOW, SPOTTED WITH WHITE ON BREAST.  
HEAD & WAPE WERE A SOFT BROWNISH (DARKER THAN RING-BILL 1ST WINTER).  
MANTLE WAS BROWNISH-GRAY.  
PRIMARIES ALSO BROWNISH-GRAY.  
TAIL WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY BROWN - DARKER 2-3" BAND BLENDING INTO LIGHTER BROWN TOWARDS RUMP. DIDN'T SEE ANY WHITE ON TAIL LIKE IN THE RING-BILLED.

EYE - DARK.  
BILL - DARK-TIPPED, LIGHTER AT BASE.  
SIZE OF BILL WAS NOTICEABLY SMALLER & THINNER THAN NEAR RINGBILLS.  
LEGS & FEET - GRAYISH.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

NONE

Variations from expected field marks.

A LITTLE DARKER, POSSIBLY, THAN SHOWN IN NATL. GEOGRAPHIC FIELDG FOR 1st YEAR BIRD.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

WE SORTED THROUGH 100'S OF IMM. RING-BILLED BEFORE WE SA THIS MEW GULL. BY THE TIME WE FOUND THIS THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE (ESPECIALLY OVERALL SIZE & THE SHAPE OF THE BILL) & COLORATION WAS QUITE PRONOUNCED. THE RING-BILLED (1st YR.) IS MUCH WHITER OVERALL, ESPECIALLY UNDERNEATH & GRAYER ABOVE. THE SPOTTING ON THE BREAST OF THE RING-BILLED WAS MORE DISTINCT. ALSO, IN FLIGHT THE RING-BILLED GULL'S TAIL BAND IS THINNER SHOWING MUCH MORE WHITE; THE PRIMARIES WERE ALSO DARKER IN THE RING-BILLED.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

A LONER. NOT MUCH INTERACTION WITH OTHER GULLS. IT IS MISSING AT LEAST TWO PRIMARIES IN THE LEFT WING. WHEN IT FLEW ITS FLIGHT WAS SOMEWHAT LABORED - NOT SMOOTH - BUT SORT OF JERKY WITH FAIRLY DEEP WING STROKES - NOT SHALLOW LIKE IN MOST GULLS. WE WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE IN THE SAME BINOCULAR FIELD OF VISION A RING-BILLED CALIFORNIA, HERRING & GLAUCOUS GULL - ALL SINGLES & ALL SPACED EVEN ALONG A SMALL RIVULET. EXCELLENT FOR SIZE & COLOR COMPARISONS.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

JUST TO THE EAST ACROSS A FENCE SURROUNDING THE DUMP AND A SMALL RIVULET. WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT TO FLY RIGHT PAST US OVER INTO THE DUMP AREA.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

NONE HEARD

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

MERRILL WEBB 224-61  
1063 EAST 400 NO.  
OREM, UT. 84057

Signature Merrill Webb

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

FIRST WITH THIS ONE.  
QUITE A BIT WITH OTHER GULLS,  
ESPECIALLY AFTER THIS WINTER.

MIKE TOVE HAD REPORTED THIS BIRD TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY SO WE KIND OF KNEW IT WAS IN THE VICINITY

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Mark Bromley  
Print Name Signature

2 OTHER STUDENTS FROM MARK'S 7th  
Print Name Signature GRADE CL

Print Name Signature

Print Name Signature