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Lat/long _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name <u>POMARINE JAEGER</u>		Weather at time of this observation. COLD ^(37°) & OVERCAST (4th of NOV.) NOT AS COLD (43°), BUT STILL SLIGHTLY OVERCAST	
Scientific Name <u>STERCORARIUS POMARINUS</u>		Prior weather and number of days since change VERY COLD & WINDY WEATHER 4-5 DAYS BEFORE SIGHTING.	
Obs. date <u>Nov. 4, 1991</u> Time(s) <u>7:00 - 7:40 A.M. (BOTH DAYS)</u>		Locality EAST SHORELINE OF UTAH LAKE. WEST OF OREM, UT., UTAH CO., UTAH.	
Duration of obs. <u>35-40 MINUTES (BOTH TIMES)</u>		Date report prepared <u>NOV. 5, 1991</u>	
Distance from bird <u>75-300+ YARDS</u>		Notes made at time of sighting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Light conditions <u>OVERCAST</u>		Notes made later from memory _____	
Optical equip. <u>8X30 BINOC.S & 15-30 ZOOM SCOPE</u>		Enter number of birds in each category.	
Photo equip. <u>BROMLEY PHOTO & MADDEN PHOTOS</u>		GENDER(S) Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>X</u>	
AGES(S) Adults <u>X</u> Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____		PLUMAGE(S) Breeding ^{POST} BREEDING Transition ? Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	
PHOTO(S) Available _____ Enclosed <u>X</u>		Total number observed. <u>ONE (EACH TIME)</u>	

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

SIZE - VERY CLOSE TO SIZE OF RING-BILLED GULL, BUT HEAVIER-BODIED.

COLORS - UNIFORMLY DARK BROWN OR BLACK WINGS, BACK & TAIL;
 BLACKER HEAD. BROAD, MOTTLED BREAST BAND, BARRED FLANKS & WHITE
 UNDERPARTS, WHITE THROAT, CREAMY-COLORED CHEEK PATCH - NOT YELLOW.
 UNDERWING PRIMARIES SHOWED WHITE IN FLIGHT.

OTHER FIELD MARKS - ADULT'S TAIL STREAMERS WERE TWISTED AT ENDS.
 NO TRAILING EDGE THAT IS DARK ON SECONDARIES.
 WINGBEATS WERE FAIRLY SLOW & DEEP (GULL-LIKE) EXCEPT WHEN "HOMING"
 IN ON A GULL WHEN IT "SHIFTS GEARS" & REALLY CRUISES AFTER
 IT'S QUARRY.

So, in summary: The bird we saw along the east shoreline of ut.
 lake west of Orem, Utah was an adult light phase
 Pomarine Jaeger, Utah's first documented & verified Pomarine.
 We identified it as such for the following reasons:

1. Tail streamers were twisted at the ends & formed dark blobs.
2. Broad, mottled breast band (more broad than shown in the N.G.S. fieldguide).
3. Mottled barring along the flanks.
4. Size & wingspread similar to Ring-billed Gull, but distinctly more bulky in breast.
5. Bill was heavier & gonysdeal angle was fairly prominent.
6. Flight was direct, like a Gull, with no gliding between

Field marks which were not seen. Why not? *SAW ALL OF THEM.*

NONE

Variations from expected field marks.

NONE

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

PARASITIC JAEGER - THIS BIRD HAS POINTED & SHORTER TAIL STREAMERS; NO BARRING ON THE FLANKS; WHITE ON PRIMARIES LESS PROMINENT; NARROWER BREAST BAND; NOT AS BULKY & FASTER WING STROKE. BILL ISN'T AS HEAVY AS IN THE BIRD WE SAW.

LONG-TAILED JAEGER - LACKED BREAST BAND. HAS LONG STREAMERS ON TAIL. ALSO HAS TRAILING EDGES OF PRIMARIES & SECONDARIES DARKER THAN REST OF WING. MANTLE IS LIGHTER THAN PRIMARIES.

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

CHASED GULLS. LANDED A SHORT DISTANCE & CROUCHED AWAY FROM GULLS. THEN IT WOULD TAKE OFF & FLY DIRECTLY AT GULLS CAUSING THEM TO SCATTER. IT WOULD PICK OUT ONE, CHASE IT UNMERCIFULLY UNTIL IT REGURGITATED IT'S STOMACH CONTENTS, & THEN WOULD CATCH THE CONTENTS EITHER IN THE AIR, OR WHEEL SHARPLY AROUND & LAND WHERE CONTENTS LANDED & EAT IT. MOST OF THE GULLS IT HARRASSED ~~WERE~~ WERE RING-BILLED.

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

MUD FLATS ALONG EAST SHORE OF UTAH LAKE.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

NONE HEARD

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

MOST OF US HAD SEEN THE LONG-TAILED JAEGER 3-4 WEEKS BEFORE AT DEER-CR. RESERVOIR SO THE VISUAL IMAGE WAS STILL FAIRLY FRESH IN OUR MINDS.

MARK HAD SEEN THIS BIRD IN CALIFORNIA & ALASKA & I HAVE SEEN IT IN CALIFORNIA.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately. ii-5-

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