

A Key to Utah's Adult Gulls (Bills)

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- 1a. Bill color mostly yellow/fleshy. 2
- 1b. Bill color totally or partially black or red. 9

- 2a. Bill totally yellow. Mew Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake
- 2b. Bill mostly yellow with some black, red or orange spotting. 3

- 3a. Yellowish bill with black ring around tip. Ring-billed Gull
- 3b. Yellowish bill without black ring around tip. 4

- 4a. Yellow bill with extensive black and red at gonys. California Gull
- 4b. Yellow bill without extensive black and red at gonys. 5

- 5a. Yellow bill with red/orange spot on lower bill. 6
- 5b. Yellow bill with red spot and white tip. 7
- 5c. Yellow bill, greenish or bright, unlike 5a or 5b above. 8

- 6a. Yellow bill with red/orange spot and pink legs. Herring
- 6b. Yellow bill with red/orange spot and yellow legs. Yellow-footed

- 7a. Yellow bill with large gonys, black back. Western
- 7b. Yellow bill with small gonys. Thayers
- 7c. Large, no black primaries. Glaucous, Glaucous-winged
- 7d. Large, no black primaries, winter with black ring. Glaucous-winged

- 8a. Thin greenish yellow bill. Iceland
- 8b. Bright yellow bill with large red spot near gonys, black back . . Lesser Black-backed

- 9a. Bill mostly black with yellow tip. Sabine's
- 9b. Bill reddish with some black. 10
- 9c. Bill totally black. 11

- 10a. Bill mostly red with thin black subterminal band. Franklin's
- 10b. Bill bright red, duller in winter. Heermann's

- 11a. Small, totally black underwings. Little
- 11b. Small wings with white leading upper edge. Bonaparte's