

Species: LEAST TERN

Record No. 074-07-10

Location: N. SPIT COOS BAY - COOS CO.

Date(s): MAY 30, 2007

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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Specimen no. & location _____

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Date observer(s) notified: _____

LANIUS EXCALIBUR RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species: Least Tern

Date(s) of Sighting: 5/30/2007⁷ Time Found: 12:30 PM

Length of Time Observed: 3 minutes

Distance to Bird: 30 feet to several hundred yards

Number, Age, Sex: 1, adult

Observers -- Your Name: David J. Lauten

Other Observers: Kathleen A. Castelein

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Location: South Spoil, Coos Bay North Spit, Coos Bay, Coos Cty

Habitat: open sand dunes, relatively flat, mostly vegetation free

Description: while surveying, a loud raspy call occurred, and upon looking up saw a mostly all white bird, with deeply forked tail, long slender wings, sleek body, thin yellow pointy bill, flying directly over head; throat, breast, belly, undertail coverts, and tail all white; underside of wings all white except leading edge of primaries was blackish, and a slight thin darker line extended around tip of primaries to form a V shape around tip of wings; upper wings were whitish to light gray and had a blackish leading edge to outer primaries; feet yellow; cap was black, but difficult to see white forehead as bird was mostly overhead; bird was smaller than gulls or Caspian Terns or crows, but much longer winged than Snowy Plovers

Vocalization/Behavior: loud, raspy, grating call attracted our attention; bird was seen only in flight, at about 30 feet at its closest; bird was clearly a tern based on plumage (mostly all white), and flight style - deep, strong wing beats on slender long wings

Similar Species: Caspian Tern much larger; Common/Artic Tern do not have yellow bill and feet, nor do either have black markings on leading edge of outer wing; Elegant Tern larger, also does not have yellow bill and feet

References: Sibley, NA guide

Experience: have seen many Least Terns in eastern US, outside US

Light/Weather: 20 degrees C, sunny, NW wind 5-10mph

Optics: Zeiss 10x40, Leupold 10x42

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