

Species: LITTLE GULL

Record No. 060.1-75-01

Location: TILLAMOOK BAY, TILLAMOOK CO.

Date(s): NOV. 4, 1975

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>JEFF GILLIGAN</u>	<u>A</u>			

Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 8-0

Not accepted _____

verified _____

origin questionable _____

Single rept. sighting ✓

exotic not estab. _____

Multiple rept. sighting _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File

Duplicate File

Main File A

details A

Slide File _____

slides _____

Print File _____

prints _____

Tape File _____

tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: _____

LITTLE GULL - TILLAMOOK BAY, OREGON

THE ATTACHED IS MY REPORT THAT WAS SENT TO THE REGIONAL EDITORS OF AMERICAN BIRDS. IT WAS MADE FROM NOTES TAKEN SHORTLY AFTER THE OBSERVATION. JOHN BIEWENER AGREED ON THE IF DETAILS AND THE IDENTIFICATION.

I HAVE SEEN ONE LITTLE GULL SINCE AND HAVE NO DOUBT REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION.

SUBMITTED BY JEFF GILLIGAN

Little Gull - John Johnson, John Biewener and I were doing a survey of Tillamook Bay for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The date was Nov. 4, 1975.

Bonaparte's Gulls were everywhere about the bay. As we approached the sewage ponds near Bay City by boat, John Biewener called my attention to a gull that was noticeably smaller than the Bonaparte Gulls. Just as I looked at it it wheeled around showing its striking slatey underwings. I immediately recognized the bird as a Little Gull. We pursued it in the boat and got within ten to 15 feet of it as it flew along side the boat. It then flew over the front of the boat in a direction toward the sewage ponds. Our views of the bird were outstanding. On the way back to Portland we stopped at the sewage ponds and again saw it.

I saw every field mark well. It was a winter plumage adult. The bill was slender and rather small. The top of the head and nape were dirty grey. The dark spot was visible on the upper side of the neck. The head, body (except the back), and tail were otherwise white. The back and wings were pearl grey. No black was on the wing tips above. I didn't notice whether the very ends of the primaries were white. Neither did I notice the color of the ends of the secondaries. The under wings were slatey to black. The underwing was very much darker than the upper wing.