

Species: So. POLAR SKUA

Record No. 035.2-79-03

Location: W. OF NEWPORT, LINCOLN CO.

Date(s): SEPT. 29, 1979

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>TOM CRABTREE</u>	<u>A</u>			

Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 9-0
verified _____
Single rept. sighting ✓
Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
origin questionable _____
exotic not estab. _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File
Main File A
Slide File _____
Print File _____
Tape File _____

Duplicate File
details A
slides _____
prints _____
tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: AUG. 25, 1980

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SOUTH POLAR SKUA

Pelagic Trip out of Newport, 9/29/79

Tom Crabtree, et al. (~~photo~~)r

On September 29, 1979 on a pelagic trip out of Newport, Or, for the second year in a row, we observed several South Polar Skuas. It is my belief judging from Northern California and Westport, Wa. records that this bird is actually a regular fall visitor off shore, arriving in mid to late September. In all probability it does not merit consideration by this committee, but until it is officially removed, I will continue to report sightings.

The four birds that we saw were noticeably larger than Pomarine Jaegers, which were common. The birds were extremely heavy bodied. They were dark above and below. In flight they showed large white patches in the wing, at the base of the primaries, covering all the primaries, unlike the Jaegers. On at least one of the birds we noticed the golden hackles on the back of the neck. [~~photo attached~~].