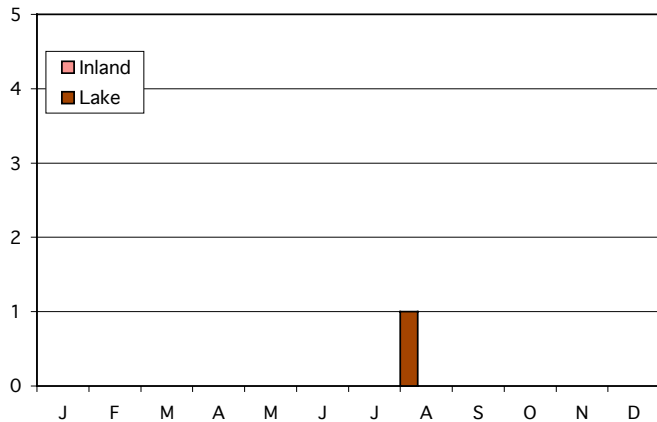


Black-tailed Gull

Larus crassirostris

Historical Information

First Published Record: There exists but one record of this Asian gull for Indiana. B.J. Grube discovered and videotaped an adult at Miller Beach on the evening of 5 August 2003 (Brock 2004).



Status

Physical Evidence: No specimens are known to exist, but videotape of the above bird has been archived by the Indiana Bird Records Committee.

Current Status

Accidental (10)

Occurrence

The Miller Beach bird was present on the beach for about a half hour where it

mingled with Ring-billed Gulls. Only B.J. Grube saw it (IN-BIRD). However, apparently the same bird, based on plumage characteristics, spent the morning of 7 August 2003 on Chicago's Montrose Beach where it was seen and photographed by numerous observers (Brock 2004).

References Cited

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IN-BIRD, a Listserv dealing with Indiana birds developed and maintained by P.W. Kelly. The records are archived at: <http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/in-bird-l.html>