

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2012.050

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 5 January 2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-E

Comments: Despite the difficulty of jaeger field identification and lack of photos, the description is pretty good and the observer is aware of ID pitfalls, so I'm voting to accept.

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Record #: 2012.050

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Dan Kassebaum

Date of review: 7 January 2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S

Comments:

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Record #: 2012.050

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Greg Lambeth

Date of review: January 14, 2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U - E

Comments:

The documentation is sufficient to determine that this bird was either a Parasitic or Pomarine Jaeger, but I was not able to rule out Pomarine based on the description (no photographs).

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Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 1-26-2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S (written)

Comments:

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Record #: 2012.050

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 25 January 2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-S(1)

Comments:

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Record #: 2012.050

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 1/17/2016

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments: While this is clearly a Jaeger, and I can accept that it wasn't a Long-tailed, I don't find the description sufficient to rule out Pomarine given the distance. The main feature being used was the size relative to a Ring-billed Gull. However, based on averages given in Sibley's, there isn't much size difference between Parasitic, Pomarine, and Ring-billed. Looking at Pyle, the measurements he gives show considerable overlap between the three species.

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Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 28 December 2015

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-I

Comments:

The description is of a distant jaeger that gave impression of warm brown tones ("overall"; not sure if this is body and wing of upperparts and body and wing of underparts, or some subset of that), white "flash" in upperwing, size about the same as that of a Ring-billed Gull with which it was interacting.

The bird is said to be in its first cycle of plumage, but no reasons are given as to why this is the case, and nothing in the description makes this certain. No barring of wing or tail coverts is mentioned.

I agree with the documenter that the description seems good for ruling out Long-tailed Jaeger. However, I am less comfortable in eliminating Pomarine. The color tone observed favors Parasitic, but warm brown versus cold brown is a subjective. I would be happier if the color appearance were associated with some basis for the age determination. The size relative to Ring-billed Gull could also provide some minor support for Parasitic, but I don't believe this is definitive.

I am somewhat conflicted on this record, but am more comfortable leaving this as a Pomarine/Parasitic.