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**IORC Web Submission** <iorcommittee@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 16, 2016 at 5:12 PM

Reply-To: iorcommittee@gmail.com

To: iorcommittee@gmail.com

1) This form submitted as supporting documentation of (check all that apply):	Unusual species
If other, please describe:	
2) Species:	California Gull
3) Number of birds:	1
4) Age/Sex/Plumage:	immature
5) Date:	2016-02-22
6) Location (include county):	North Point Marina, Lake, IL
7) Observers:	Annette McClellan, William McClellan, Andy Stewart
8) Your name:	Annette McClellan
Street Address	██████████
Street Address Line 2	
City	██████████
State / Province / Region	█
Postal / Zip Code	██████
Country	██████████
10) Your e-mail address:	██████████
11) Others agreeing with the identification:	William McClellan, Andy Stewart
12) Observers NOT agreeing with the identification:	
13) Description of bird (size, shape, proportions, details of both color and pattern on head, back, chin, throat, breast, flanks, wings, undertail, and tail, etc.; coloration of soft parts: bill, legs, and feet) include only details actually seen in the field :	This bird was smaller than a Herring Gull, with a darker gray on the back. It had a round head and a straight bill. The flanks and breast were mottled brownish gray, the head and nape were more uniformly gray. When the bird extended his wings the outer primaries were nearly all black. There was a dark terminal band on the tail. The bill was very pale yellow with a black band. The bird appeared to have a frowning gape. The feet and legs were pale grayish-blue.
14) Description of behavior:	The bird rested alongside Ring-billed Gulls and Herring Gulls.
15) Description of vocalizations:	none
16) Description of immediate and surrounding habitat(s):	The bird was on ice and surrounded by wooden boat docks not far from the open water of Lake Michigan.

17) Optical equipment used for observation (type, power):	Binoculars, 60x spotting scope
18) Distance/how measured?	500 ft. Measure Map app
19) Time of observation:	09:26 am
20) Total time of observation:	one hour
21) Weather conditions:	39 degrees, overcast
22) Previous experience with this species and similar species:	I had seen this species in California in September of 2015
23) Please eliminate other similar species and/or hybrids:	The size is between a Ring-billed Gull and a Herring Gull which it was seen with. Thayer's Gull and Iceland Gull would not have dark primaries and would have pink legs. Lesser Black-backed Gull 2nd winter would have a darker mantle and show less yellow on the bill and have yellow legs.
24) Were photos obtained?	Yes
25) If so, by whom?	Annette McClellan
26) Books and illustrations consulted and advice received. How did these influence this description?:	Sibley's Guide to Birds, Andy Stewart. Andy pointed out the "frowning gape".
27) How long after the observation were field notes recorded?	immediately
28) How long after the observation was this form completed?	4 months
29) Additional remarks (URLs can be entered here):	



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**Fwd: Photos**

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**Geoffrey Williamson** <[REDACTED]>  
To: iorcommittee@gmail.com

Thu, Jun 16, 2016 at 5:52 PM

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**From: Annette McClellan** <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 16, 2016 at 5:32 PM  
**Subject:** Photos  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Hi, Geoffrey,

The photos I intended to include with the online submission form did not seem to load. I'm sending them to you separately. I took the photos through the scope with my iPhone so in some instances the colors are washed out. I did not adjust them for color or brightness. I hope they will be helpful.

Good birding,

Annette











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Geoff Williamson