

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Steve Huggins

Date of review: 2/5/24

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-ID

Comments: Further description required from observer.

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Davida Kalina

Date of review: 22 January 2024

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-DE(1)

Comments:

The observer's overall written description supports an ID of Jaeger sp. The description of white flashes seen on both sides of primaries rules out Long-tailed Jaeger, but is the only detail provided that probably supports an ID of Parasitic more strongly than of Pomarine Jaeger. In this 1st round, I am voting to accept this record with hesitation.

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Adam Sell

Date of review: 2/19/24

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-PE

Comments:

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Terry Walsh

Date of review: 2/3/24

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-ID

Comments:

This was most likely a PAJA based on the description, but the views were “distant”. The relative length of the central tail feathers is not described (other than “elongated”) so it is not apparent if this was definitively an adult bird. The bird is described as “dark” which would suggest a PAJA if the bird was an adult. (Dark phase adult LTJAs are extremely rare.)

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Kyle Wiktor

Date of review: 1/31/2024

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: A-DE(1)

Comments:

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Dan Williams

Date of review: 1/17/24

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-ID

Comments: Another “documentation” taken from an eBird checklist. The observer has not submitted an IORC documentation form, and there are no photos. This might be an immature jaeger, but the evidence in favor of same is lacking.

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Record #: 2023-052

Name of bird form: Parasitic Jaeger

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 17 January 2024

Circulation number: 1st

Vote: U-ID

Comments:

The available description is as follows.

Distant, working north and pausing to kleptoparasitize gulls, which it did successfully once. Dark, elegant Charadriiform with white flashes in both of sides of primaries and elongated central retrices. About same size as rbgus, tail streamers and structure spot on for paja.

(This precise text appears as species comments in both checklists at the time of my review, with the checklists shared between the observers. Presumably one of them wrote the comments.)

Unfortunately, the comments do not remark on the length and shape of the central tail feathers. The wing flashes are not described; are these though to be from pale feather shafts or pale feather bases? No opinion regarding the age of the bird is provided. I find myself thinking that the bird is older than a juvenile given use of the word "streamer" in describing tail feathers, but I would like to no more about what was seen of the bird's appearance, for instance whether the underwing were solidly dark or barred.

I am thinking that this individual is likely a Parasitic, but I also believe that I am reading beyond what is written about the bird in making that assessment. I am more comfortable leaving this one as unidentified to species.