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FIELD TRIP

JANUARY 24,25,26, 2025

Fri 24	51°/47°	 Sunny	2%	 NE 10 mph
Sat 25	60°/57°	 PM Showers	38%	 SE 20 mph
Sun 26	63°/53°	 Scattered Thunderstorms	57%	 S 16 mph

Name	January 25 Field
Amy Bishop	X
Carol Todzia	
Chris Gunter	X
Christine F Ragan	X
Doug Booher	X
George Kerr	
Karlis W Ozols	X
Kathy Espinosa	X
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Marc D Frazier	X
Pamella Hopper	X
Patricia Gallagher	X
Rena Shepler	X
Sarah Womack	X
Stephanie Putnam	
Suzanne McCann	X
Lance Felber	X
Jeff Patterson	X
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TRAVIS AUDUBON SOCIETY
IDGG CLASS FIELD TRIP ITINERARY
January 27-29, 2023

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	NOTES	TRAVEL	TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN STOPS	ARRIVE	DEPART	
Friday Afternoon, January 24	Sargeant Beach	Meet at noon	Austin to Sargeant Beach	0:35	12:00	12:45	
	South of San Luis Pass		Sargeant Beach to Bryan Beach	0:44	1:30	2:15	
	Quintana Beach and Jetty		Bryan Beach to Quintana Beach	0:50	2:30	3:30	
	Quintana Neotropic Sanctuary	Bathroom					
	Surfside Beach		Quintana to Surfside Beach	0:46	3:45	4:00	
	San Luis Pass	42.00 Toll Fee (cash only) through San Luis Pass Bridge	Surfside Beach to Comfort Inn (possible stop at Woody's Bar Pond, Pocket Park #1, 7.5 Mile Road, Galveston, Texas)	0:45	5:45	5:45	
	HOTEL	Comfort Inn & Suites, 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550	Sunset ~5:30 pm	Woody's Bar Pond to Comfort Inn	0:40	6:00	
	DINNER	Maria's Ristorante, 2202 64th St, Galveston, TX 77550	7:00pm			6:30	
	Saturday Morning, January 25	Galveston Island	Meet up at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550	Please meet at 7:00 am each subject		7:00	7:00
		Galveston Island	Seawall Blvd (head from cars)	Sunrise ~7:40 am			
East Beach		port o john	Comfort Inn to East Beach	0:45	7:45	9:00	
Saturday Morning/Afternoon, January 25	Bolivar Peninsula	Bolivar Beach	Bathrooms upstairs	East Beach to Ferry (Bolivar side)	0:35	9:35	9:45
	Bolivar Peninsula	Bolivar Flats		Bolivar Ferry (Bolivar side) to Bolivar Flats	0:46	10:00	12:00
	Bolivar Peninsula	Bolivar Beach	port o John	Bolivar Flats to Bolivar Beach	0:50	12:00	1:30
	Bolivar Peninsula	Rollover Pass	port o John	Bolivar Beach to Rollover Pass	0:20	1:30	2:45
	Bolivar Peninsula	Rollover Pass	port o John	Rollover Pass to North Jetty Boat Camp	0:21	3:05	4:00
	Bolivar Peninsula	Ferry to Galveston Island	Bathrooms upstairs	North Jetty Boat Camp to Galveston Island via Ferry	0:35	4:30	5:30
	HOTEL	Comfort Inn & Suites, 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550	Sunset ~5:30 pm			5:45	
	DINNER	Miller's Seawall Grill, 1841 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX 77550-8027	7:00pm			6:30	
	Sunday Morning, January 26	Galveston Island	Meet up at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550	Please meet at 7:00 am each subject		7:00	7:00
		Galveston Island	South and west of Galveston	Sunrise ~7:40 am			
Galveston Island		Texas City Dike	port o John	Comfort Inn to Texas City Dike	0:45	7:30	9:30
Galveston Island		11 Davis Estates Road, Fort Bend County, Texas	port o John	Texas City Dike to Davis Estates Road	1:17	10:45	12:00

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Field Trip Brochure

BIRDING LOCATION NAMES AVAILABLE IN GOOGLE MAPS Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 10 Texas City Dike
- 11 Davis Estates Road, Fort Bend County (Near Long Point, Texas) (Near intersection of FM161 & FM1994)

BIRDING LOCATION NAMES AVAILABLE IN GOOGLE MAPS Saturday, January 25, 2025

- 6 East Beach Galveston, TX
- 7 Bolivar Flats Bolivar Beach Bolivar Peninsula
- 8 Rollover Pass Bolivar Peninsula
- 9 Bolivar North Jetty Boat Camp 804 17th St, Fort Bolivar, TX 77550
- 9 Bolivar North Jetty Boat Camp
- 6 East Beach

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- 1 Sargeant Beach Sargent, TX
- 2 Bryan Beach Freeport, TX
- 3 Quintana Beach & Jetty Quintana Neotropic Sanctuary Quintana, TX
- 4 Surfside Beach
- 5 San Luis Pass
- 5 Woody's Bar Beach Pocket Park #1, Galveston County (Woody's Bar, Terrace, San Luis Pass Road, Galveston, TX)
- 6 Comfort Inn & Suites 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550

1/25-26/25 Meet at 7:00am at Comfort Inn Parking lot 2848 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550

1/24/25 Meet at noon at Sargeant Beach

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FIELD TRIP

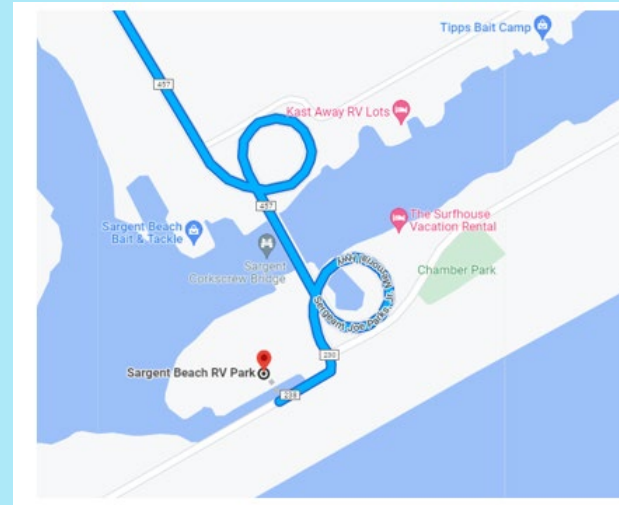
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- ▶ Carpooling, Navigation and Caravan – Use Google maps.
- ▶ Hotel **Comfort Inn & Suites Galveston** (2818 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77551)

- ▶ Friday, Jan 24
 - ▶ Meetup Location Friday at noon “Sargent Beach RV Park, Sargent, Texas”
 - ▶ Eat Lunch before meet up
 - ▶ Gasoline
 - ▶ Toll Bridge (\$2)
 - ▶ **Dinner** – Mario's Ristorante, 2202 61st St, Galveston, TX 77551

- ▶ Sat 25
 - ▶ **7:00am Meetup**
 - ▶ **Bring picnic lunch**, coffee, water, coat....
 - ▶ **Dinner** – Miller's Seawall Grill, 1824 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX

- ▶ Sun 26
 - ▶ **7:00am Meetup**
 - ▶ Field trip ends ~ 11:00 or 12:00



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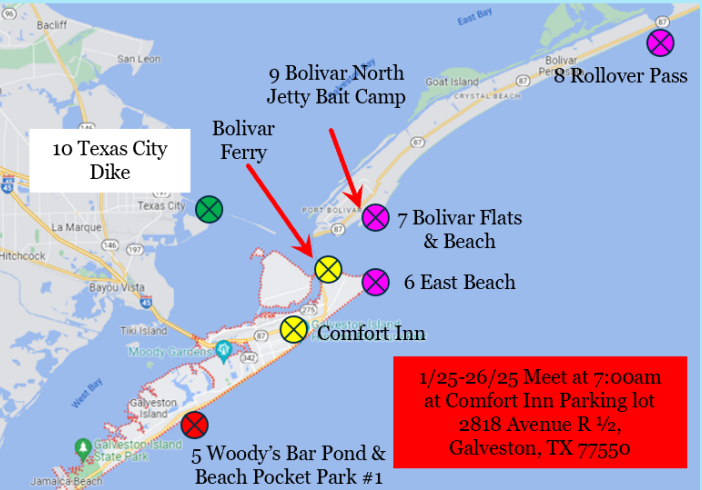
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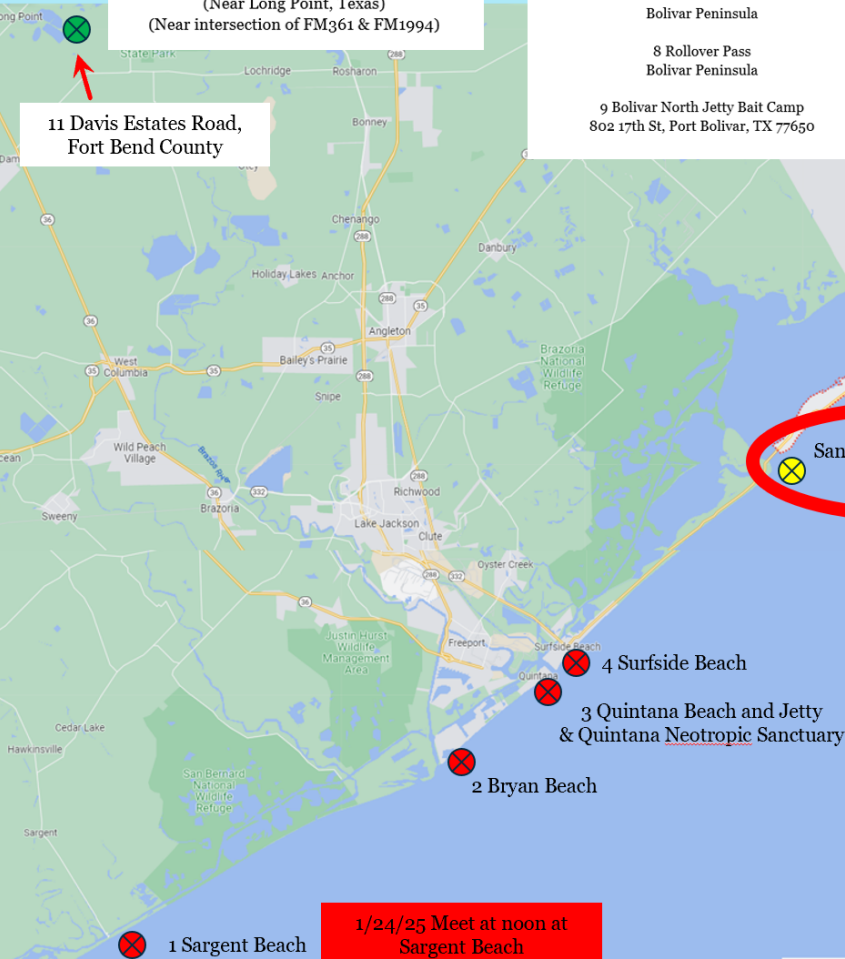
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Bolivar Peninsula
- 9 Bolivar North Jetty Bait Camp
802 17th St, Port Bolivar, TX 77650



1/25-26/25 Meet at 7:00am at Comfort Inn Parking lot 2818 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550



1/24/25 Meet at noon at Sargent Beach

San Luis Pass toll booth (\$2 Cash)

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Quintana, TX
- 4 Surfside Beach
San Luis Pass
- 5 Woody's Bar
(Beach Pocket Park #1, Galveston County)
(Woody's Bar, Termini-San Luis Pass Road, Galveston, TX)
- Comfort Inn & Suites
2816 Avenue R 1/2, Galveston, TX 77550

TAS
IDGG CLASS FIELD TRIP
JAN 24-26, 2025

HOW'S YOUR
GULL STUDY GOING?

REAL LIFE GULLING !!



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(Hint: Use Jeff's Texas Gulls Rule ©)

REAL LIFE GULLING !!



1 LBBG 2 LBBG

3 Laughing

13 LBBG

17 Herring

4 LBBG

14 Herring

19 Herring

5 LBBG

9 Herring

6 Ring

7 Ring

10 laughing

8 Ring

15 Royal Tern

11 Ring

12 Ring

16 Laughing

18 Laughing

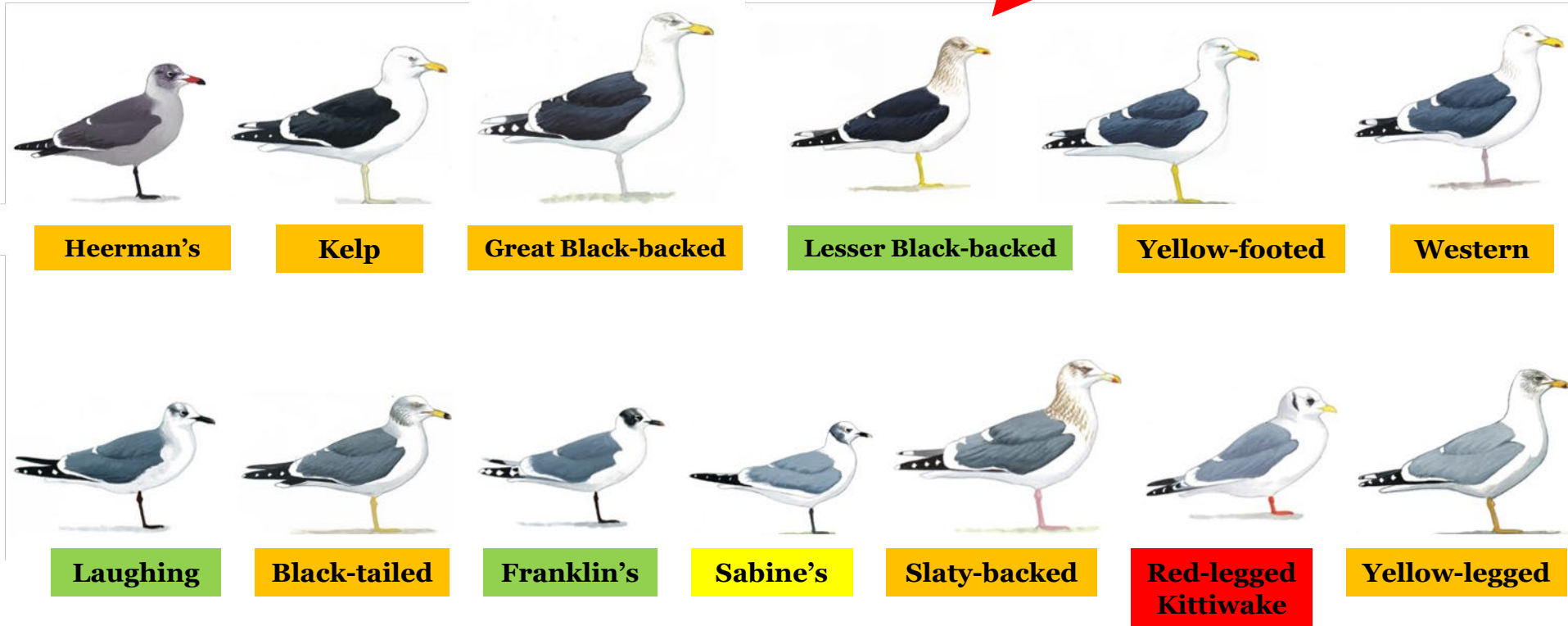
20 Ring or Laughing is correct



20 Ring



Dark-backed Gulls



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I STILL DON'T DO GULLS
GULLS CLASS

12 EXCEPTIONAL TEXANS

BE
AWARE OF

SPECIES	ID CHALLENGE
Ring-billed	
Laughing	
Franklin's	
Bonaparte's	
Glaucous	
Sabine's	
Little	
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Heermann's	
Black-tailed	

Fairly Easy

YES
WE
CAN
!!!!

SPECIES	ID CHALLENGE
Herring	
Lesser Black-backed	
Great Black-backed	
Short-billed	
Black-headed	
Glaucous-winged	
Yellow-footed	

We can Do This

SPECIES	ID CHALLENGE
Iceland (L. g. kumlieni)	
Iceland (L. g. thayeri)	
California	
Slaty-backed	
Western	
Kelp	
Yellow-legged	

Harder

SPECIES	ID CHALLENGE
Ivory	
Red-legged Kittiwake	
Ross's	

Restricted location

GULLS WANDER !!!!!!!

- ▶ Some gulls have expanded their range
 - ▶ LBBG
 - ▶ GBBG
 - ▶ Yellow-legged

BE AWARE OF

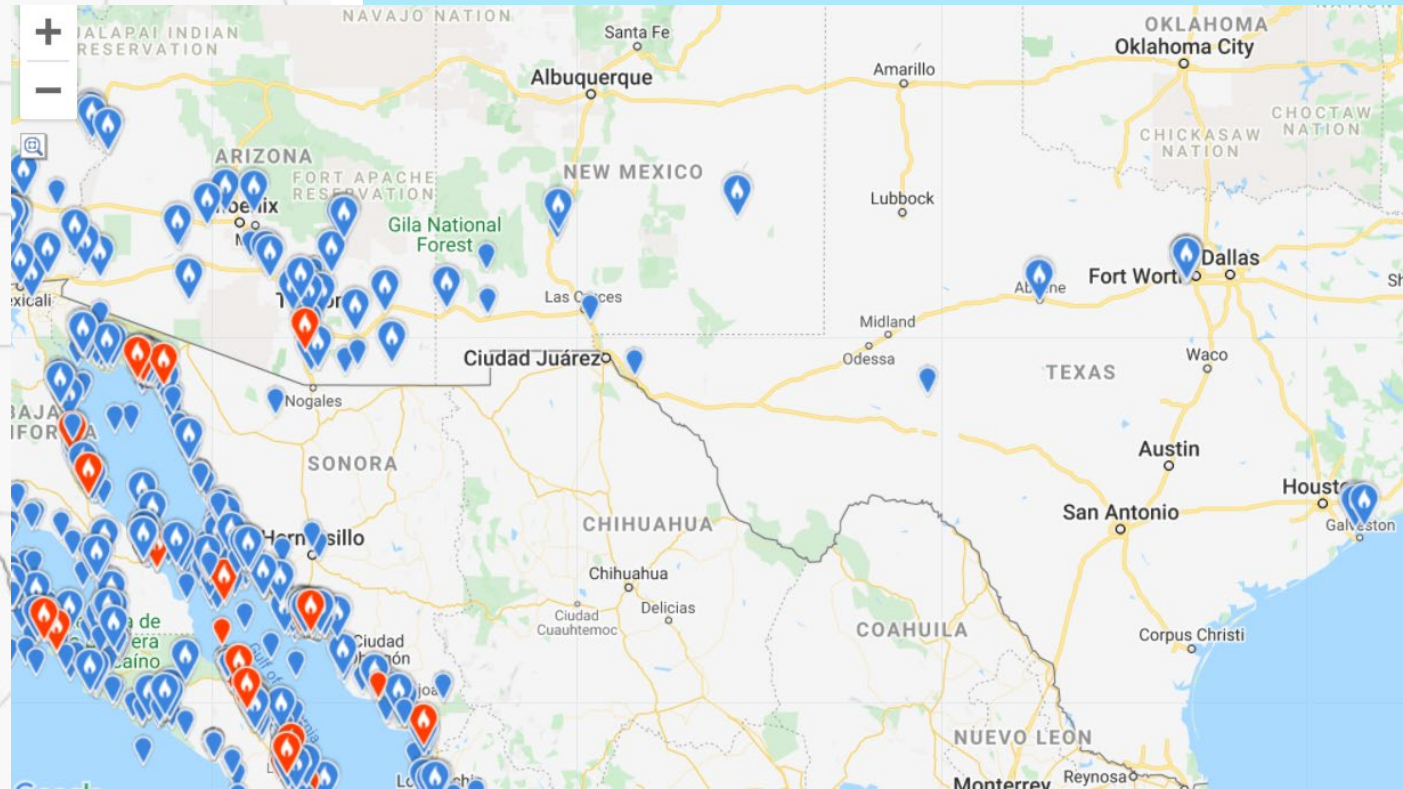
12 EXCEPTIONAL TEXANS

Range	Species	TBRC Status	Number of Records while on Review List	Last Accepted Record		
				Year	County	Location
West Coast	Heermann's ✓	1975-present	6	2020	Reagan	Big Lake
	Short-billed	1988-present	50	2023	Tarrant	Grapevine Lake
	Western	1986-present	6	2019	Nueces	Corpus Christi
	Yellow-footed ✓	2023-present	1	2024	Randall	Southeast Park, Amarillo
	Glaucous-winged	2004-present	2	2020	Wichita, Archer	Lake Wichita
Europe	Great Black-backed ✓	1974-present	66	2024	Harris	Old River/Channelview
	Black-headed	1982-present	27	2009	Hopkins	Cooper Lake
	Yellow-legged	2004-present	2	2004	Nueces	Corpus Christi
East Asia	Slaty-backed ✓	1992-present	8	2023	Travis	Windy Point, Lake Travis
	Black-tailed	1999-present	2	2004	Nueces	Corpus Christi
Southern Hemisphere	Kelp ✓	1996-present	6	2022	Cameron	Brownsville Landfill
	Gray	2025	0	2025	Cameron	Brownsville Landfill

5 West Coast Vagrants

HEERMAN'S

HEERMAN'S



**West Coast
Vagrant**

SIZE COMPARISON

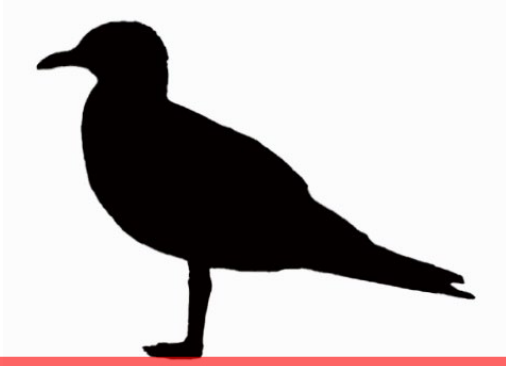


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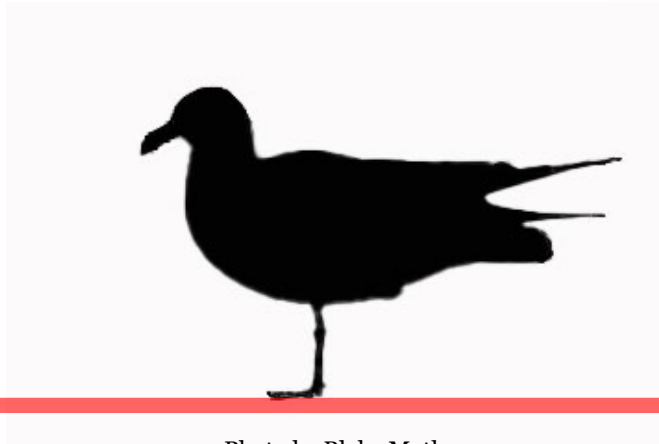


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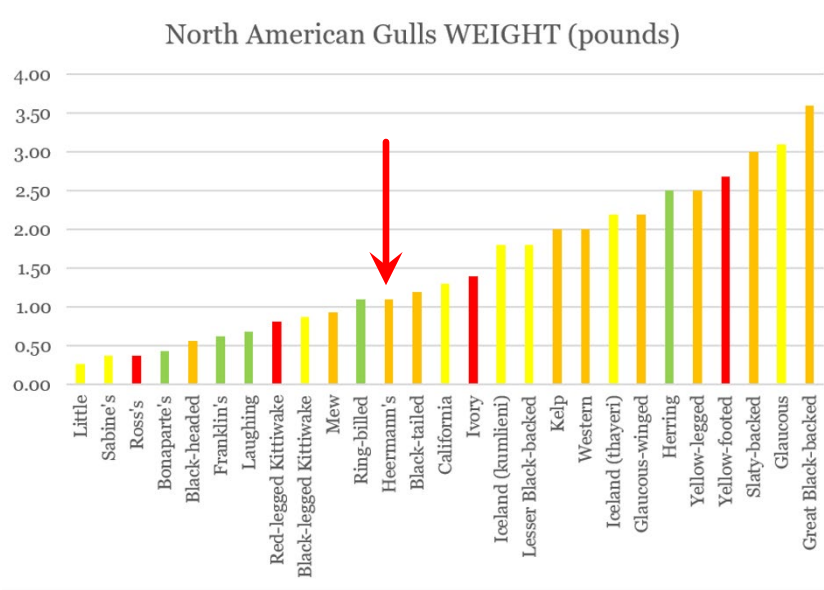


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Ring-billed

Heermann's

Herring



HEERMAN'S

Distinctive



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HEERMAN'S



Basic Plumage

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REAL-LIFE GULL-ING



BENBROOK LAKE FORT
WORTH
DECEMBER 2019

HEERMAN'S

Immature



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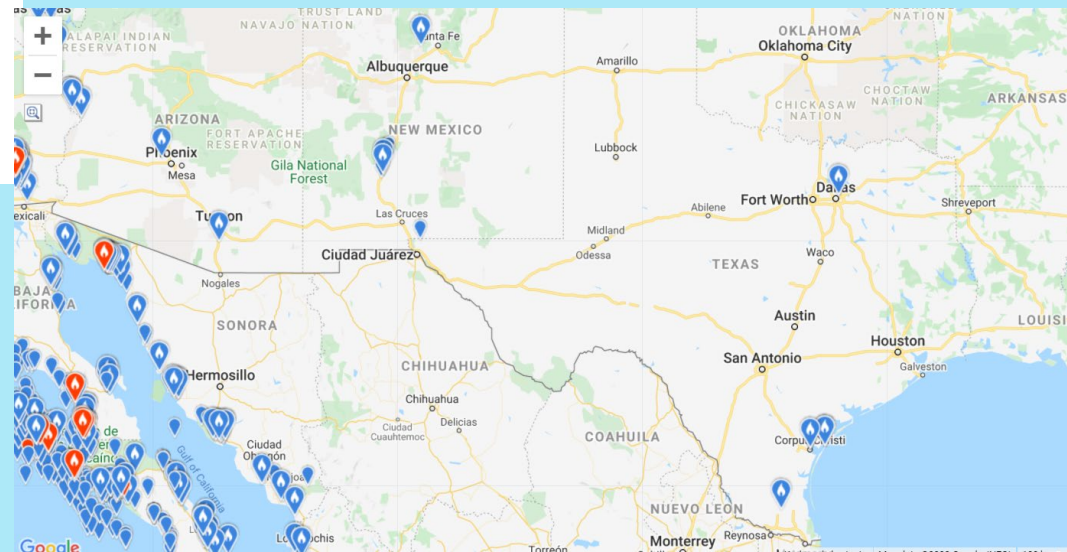
5 West Coast Vagrants

WESTERN

WESTERN

West Coast Vagrant

“The” dark gull
of
west coast



SIZE COMPARISON

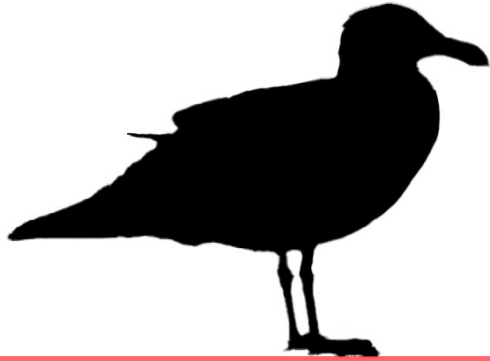


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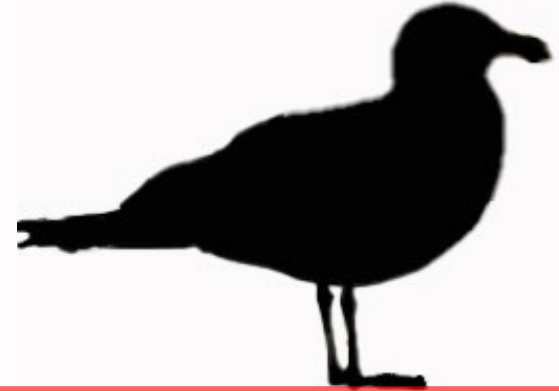
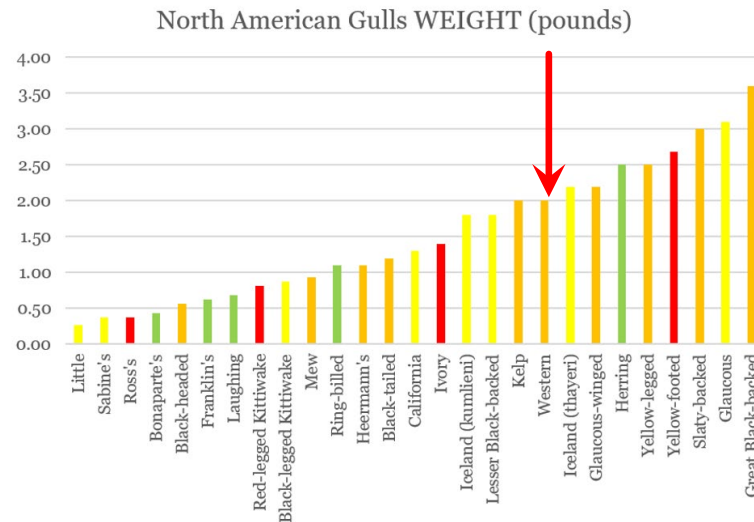


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Western

Herring

GBBG

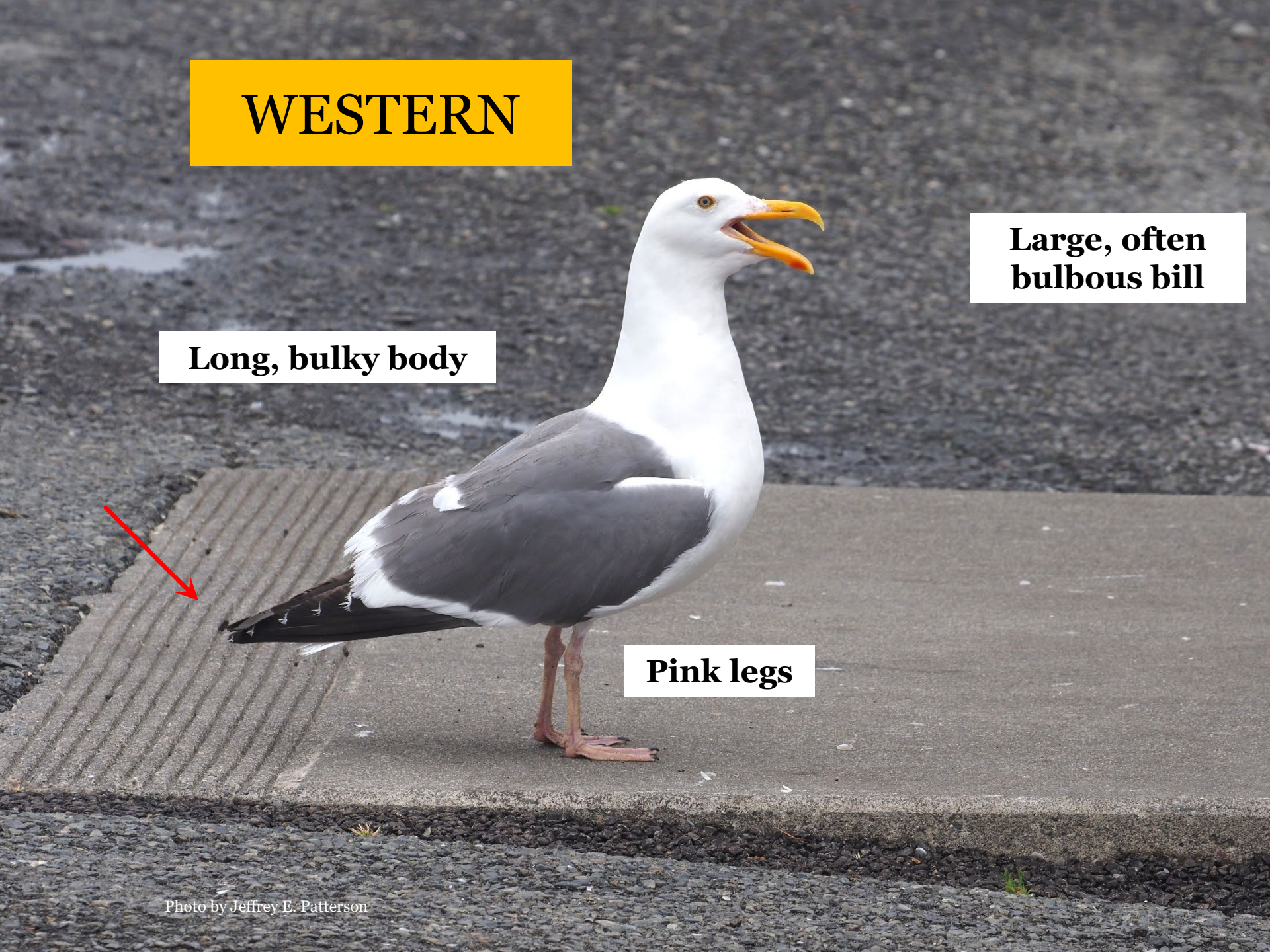


WESTERN

**Large, often
bulbous bill**

Long, bulky body

Pink legs



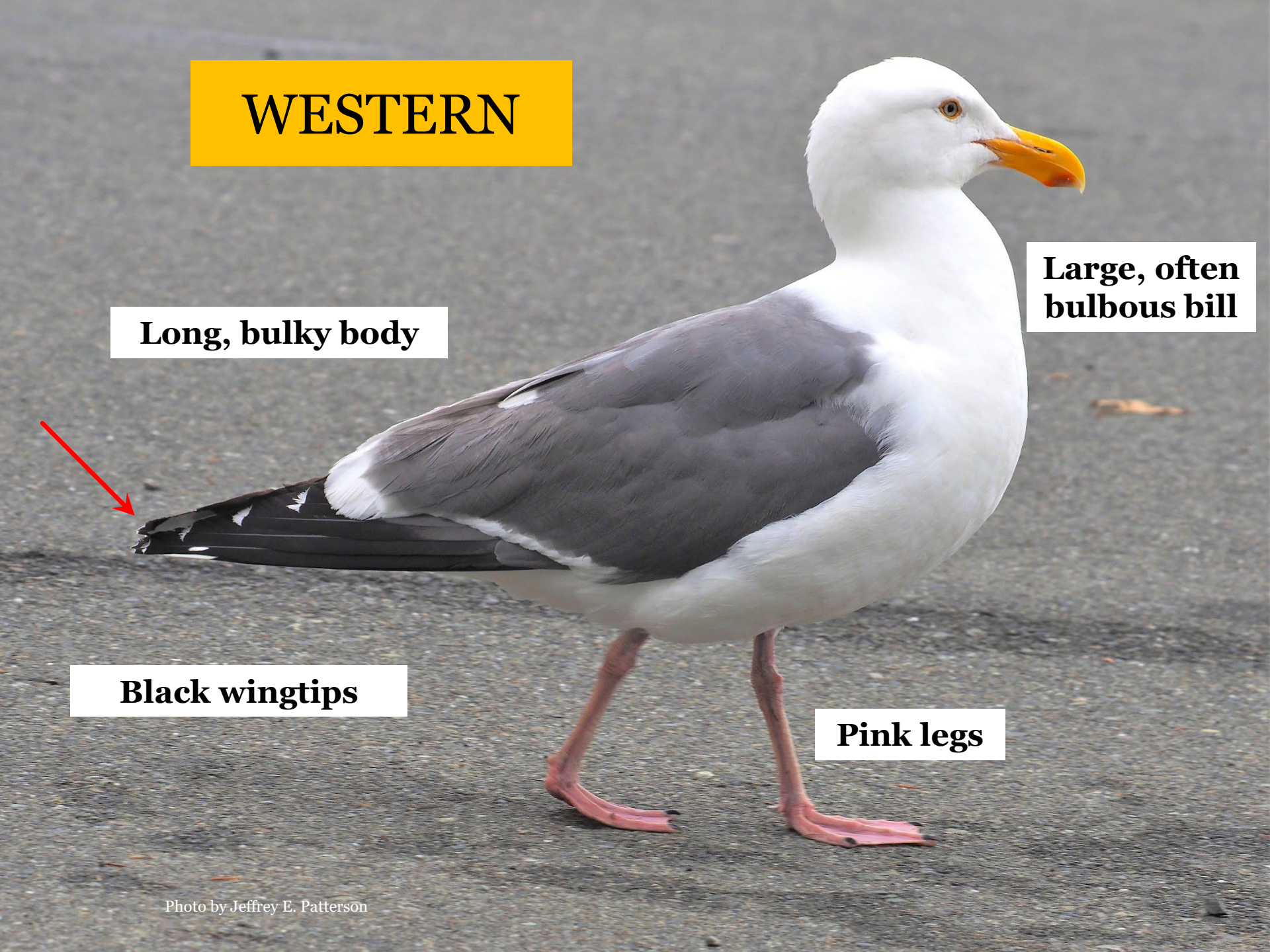
WESTERN

Long, bulky body

**Large, often
bulbous bill**

Black wingtips

Pink legs



WESTERN

Eye often “too high” on head

Large, often bulbous bill



WESTERN

**Wings extend
well-past tail**



WESTERN



**Pattern like
Swainson's hawk**



**Extensive black on
underwings**

WESTERN



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OLYMPIC GULL

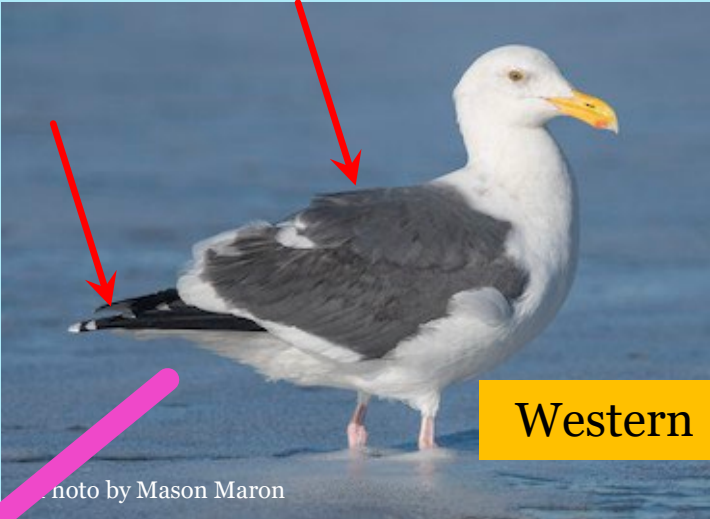
**See anything
different ?**



“OLYMPIC GULL” GLAUCOUS-WINGED X WESTERN



Glaucous-winged



Western



“Olympic Gull”

5 West Coast Vagrants

SHORT-BILLED

SIZE COMPARISON

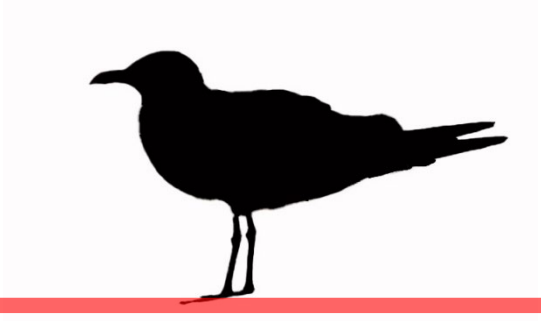


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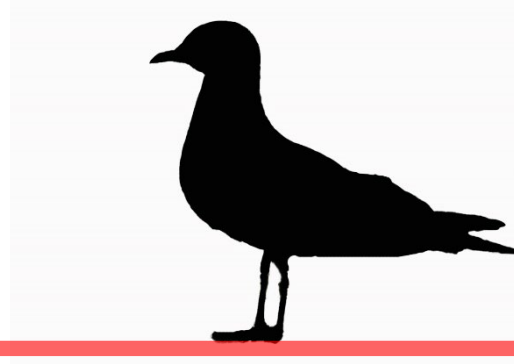


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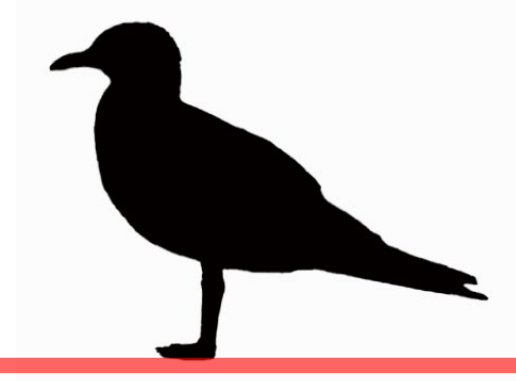
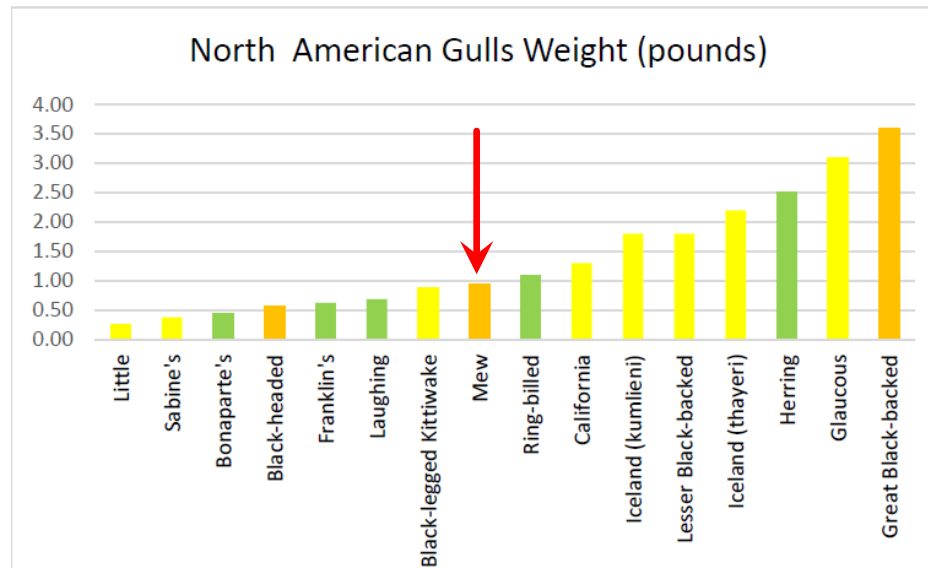


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Laughing

Short-billed

Ring-billed



**Dark
eye**

**Dainty
head &
bill**



Short-Billed

**More white in
tertials
& secondaries**

Short-Billed

More white
on tertials &
secondaries



Ring-billed

Short-Billed

More white on
tertials &
secondaries



Ring-billed

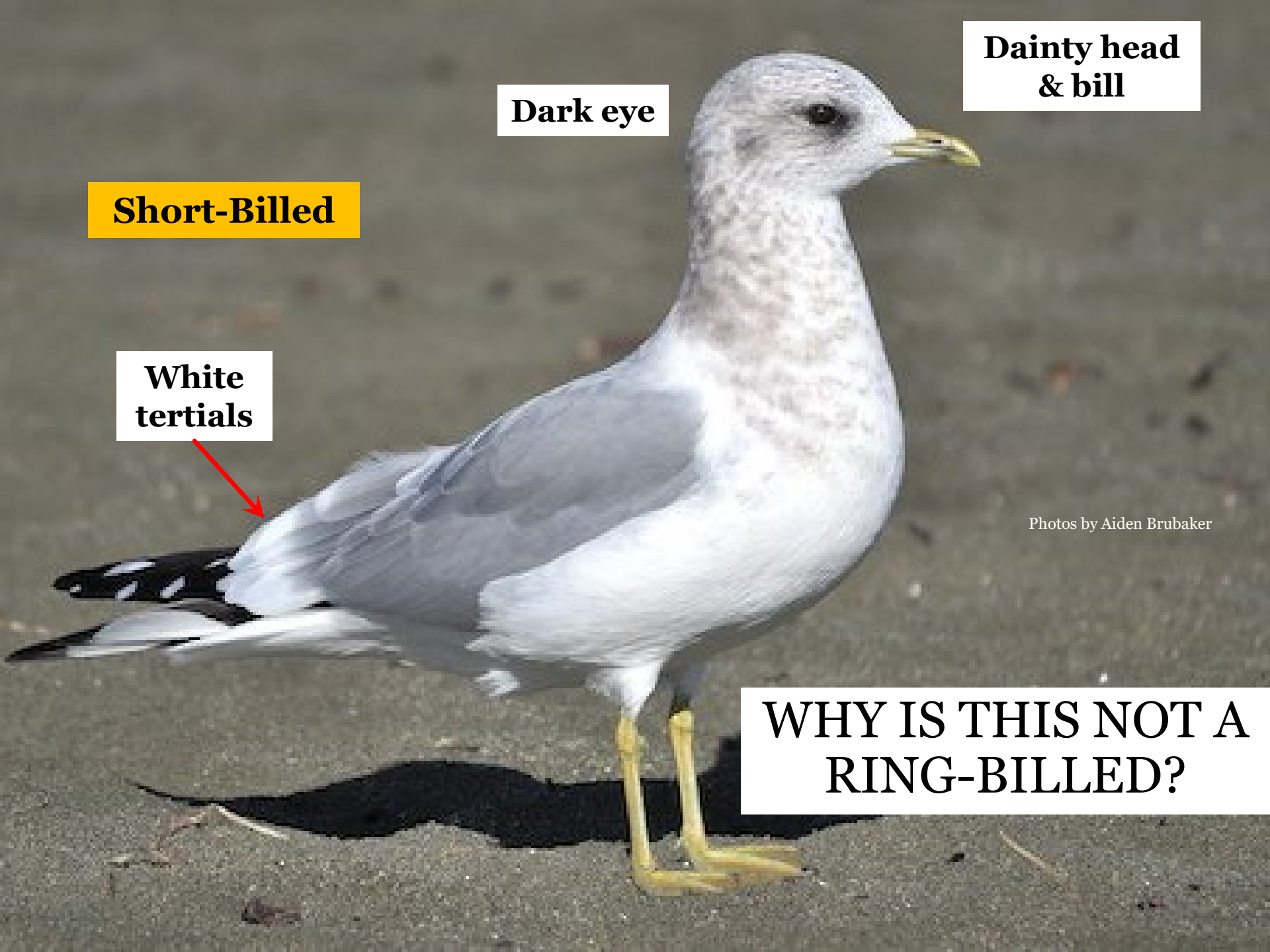


Shorter, rounder
wings

**WHY IS THIS NOT A
RING-BILLED?**

Ring-billed





**Dainty head
& bill**

Dark eye

Short-Billed

**White
tertials**



Photos by Aiden Brubaker

**WHY IS THIS NOT A
RING-BILLED?**



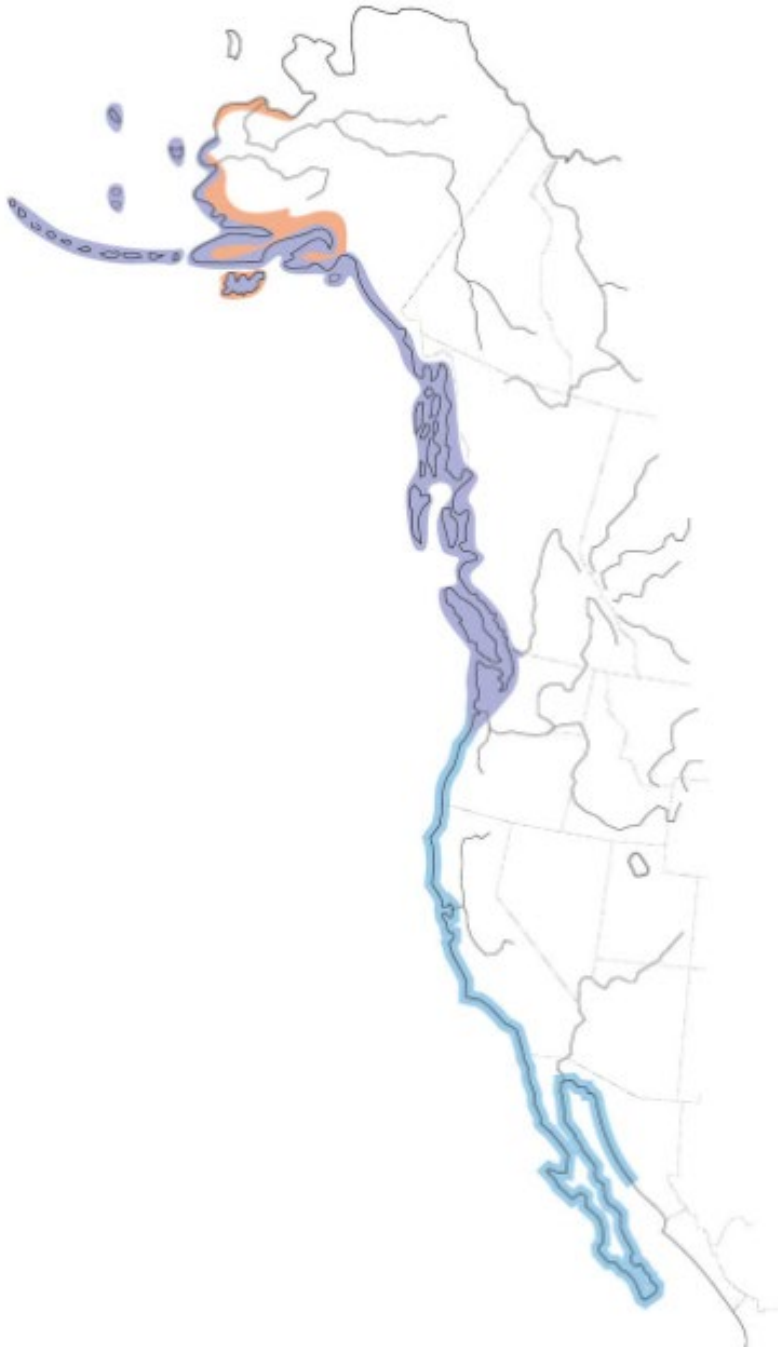
Laughing

Short-Billed

Ring-billed

5 West Coast Vagrants

GLAUCOUS-WINGED



West Coast Vagrant

GLAUCOUS- WINGED



SIZE COMPARISON

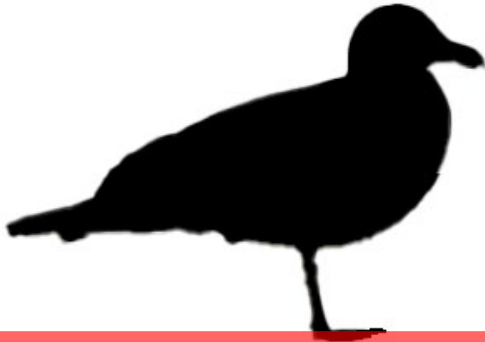


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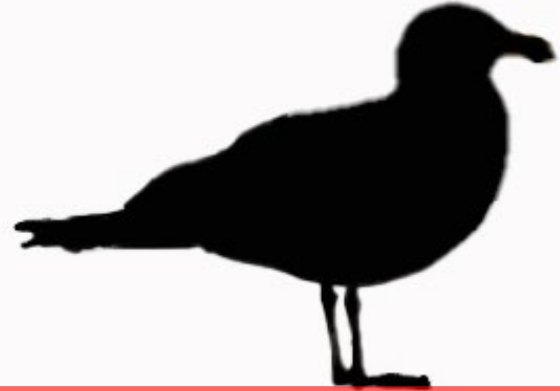
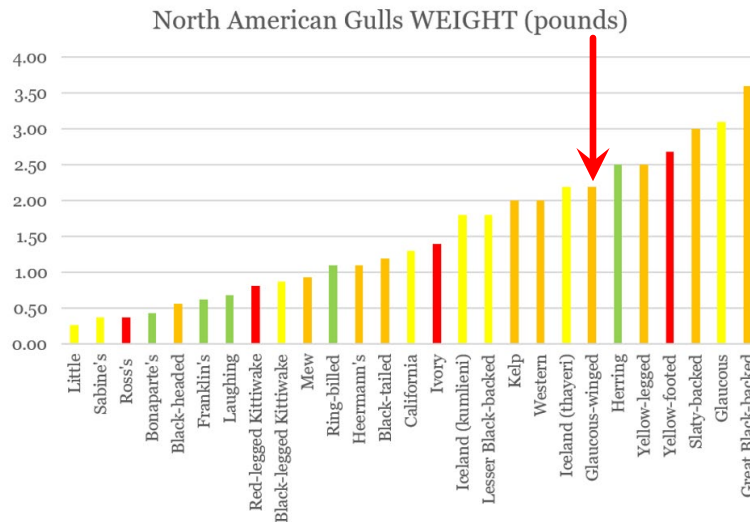


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Glaucous-winged

Herring

GBBG



GLAUCOUS-WINGED

Only large gray-backed gull with gray wingtips

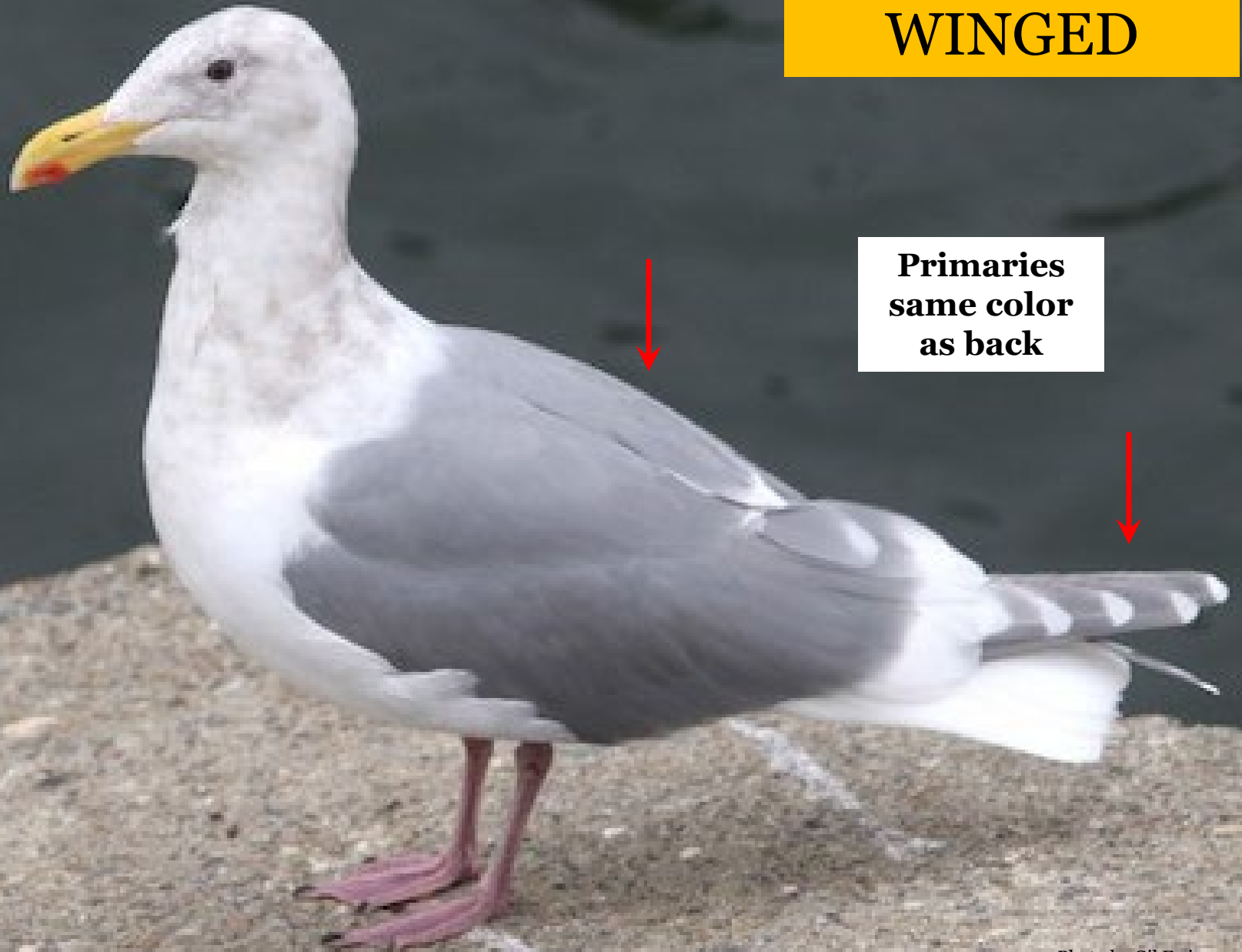
Primaries
same color
as back



Short primary
projection

Pink legs

GLAUCOUS- WINGED



**Primaries
same color
as back**



**GLAUCOUS-
WINGED**

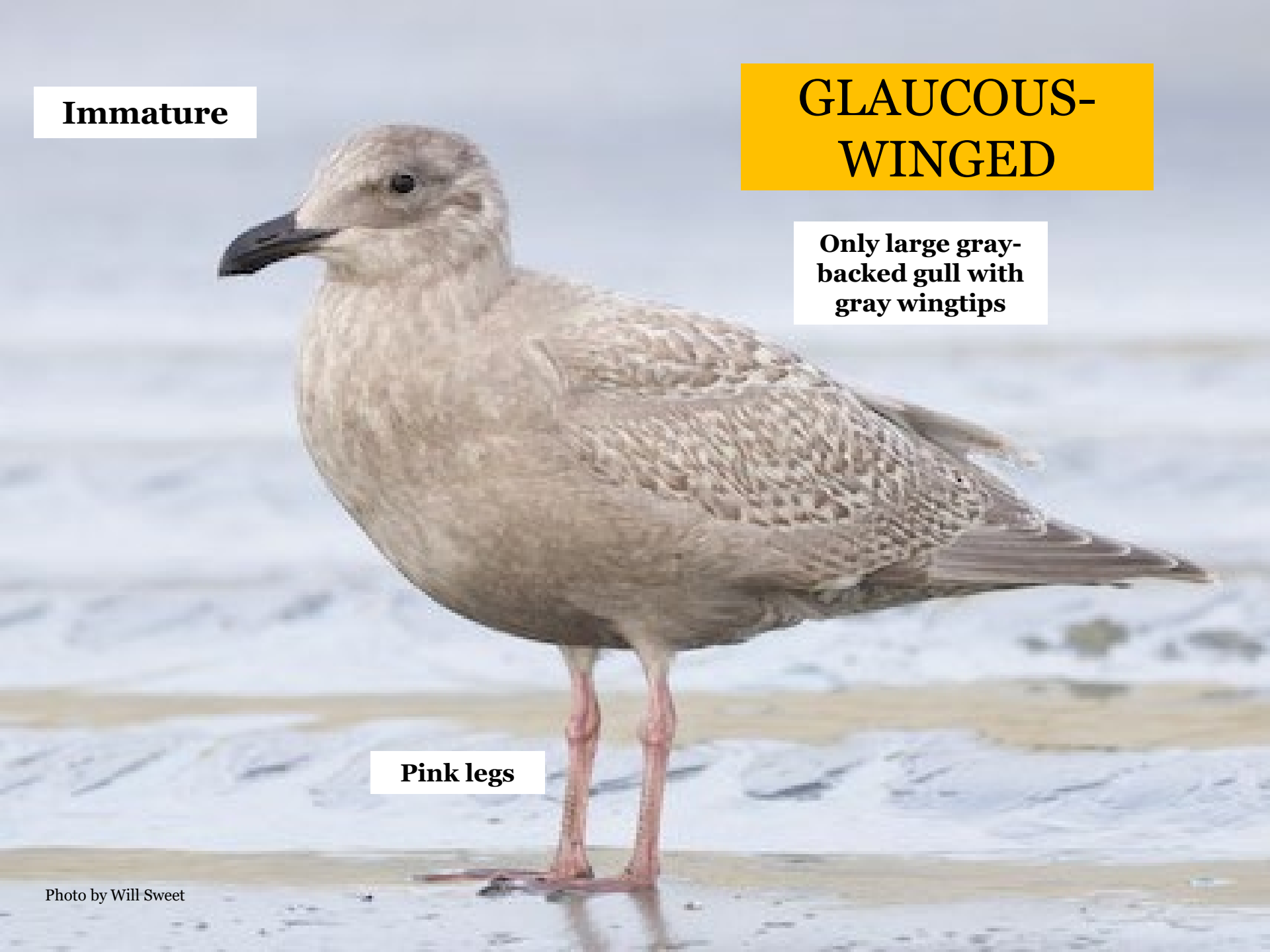
Photo by Martin Reid

Immature

GLAUCOUS- WINGED

**Only large gray-
backed gull with
gray wingtips**

Pink legs



5 West Coast Vagrants

YELLOW-FOOTED

YELLOW-FOOTED



**West Coast
Vagrant**



SIZE COMPARISON

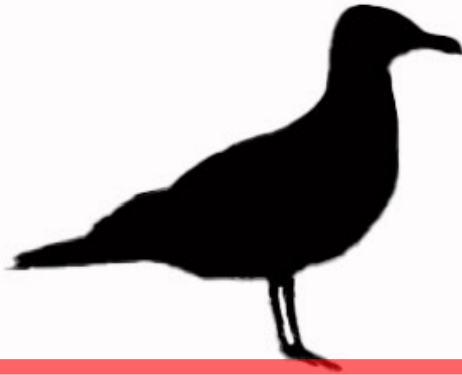


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Herring

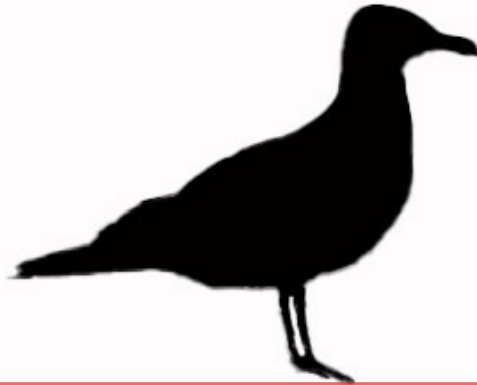


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Yellow-footed

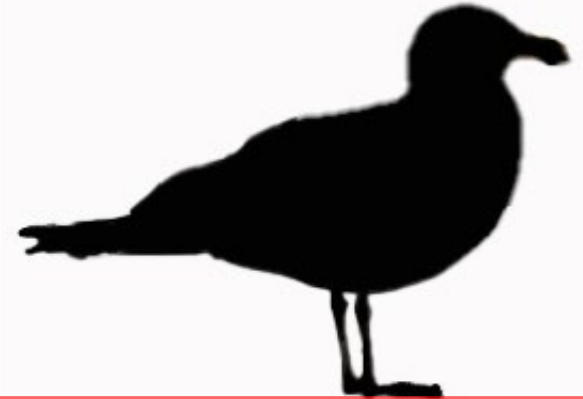
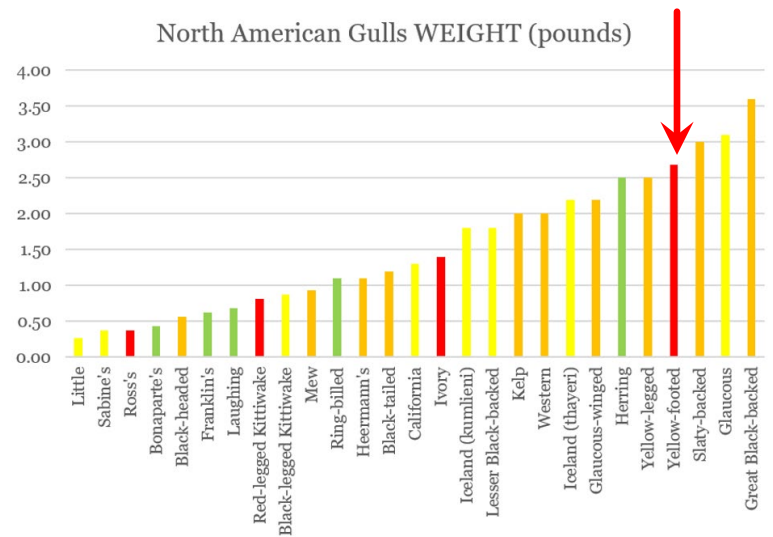


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GBBG



YELLOW-FOOTED

**“A Western with
yellow legs”**



Photo by Steven Mlodinow



Photo by Steven Mlodinow

**“A Western with
yellow legs”**

WESTERN

**YELLOW-
FOOTED**



Photo by Van Remson

**YELLOW-
FOOTED**



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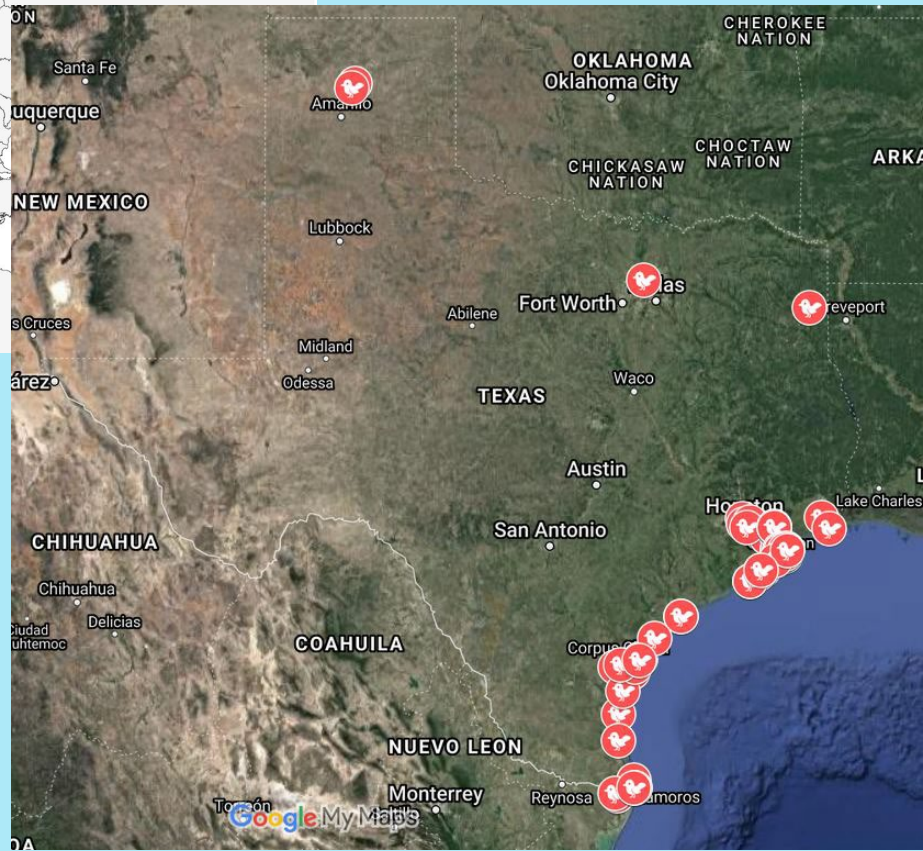
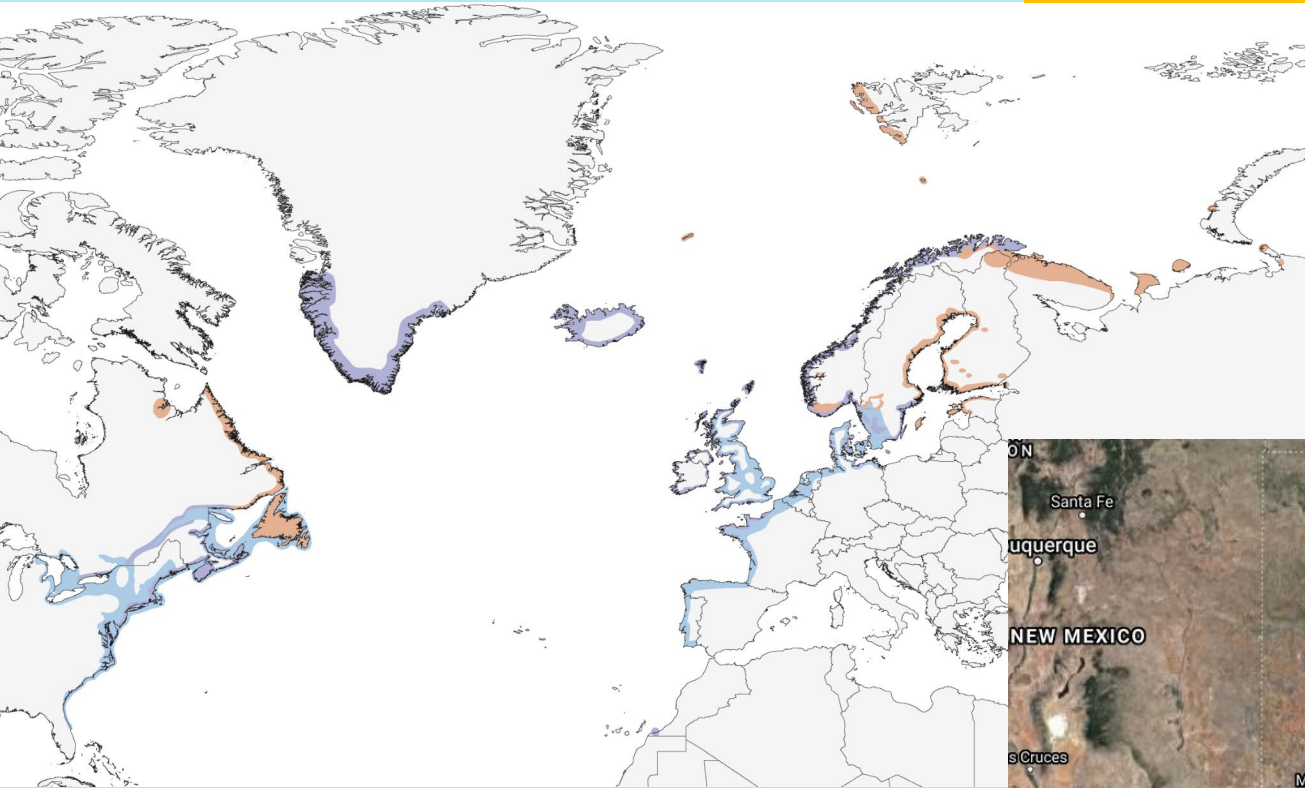
**YELLOW-
FOOTED**



3 European Vagrants

GREAT BLACK-BACKED

Great Black-backed



SIZE COMPARISON

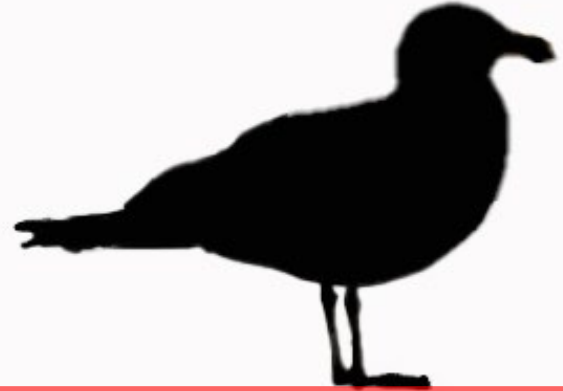
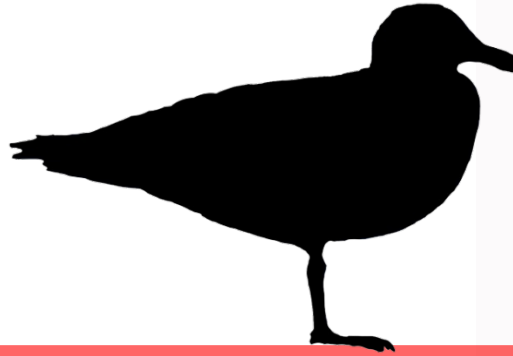
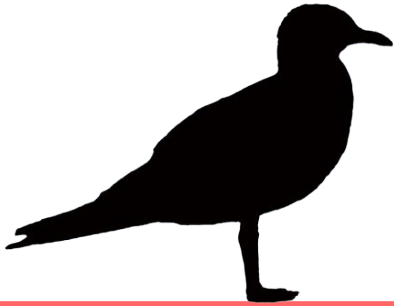
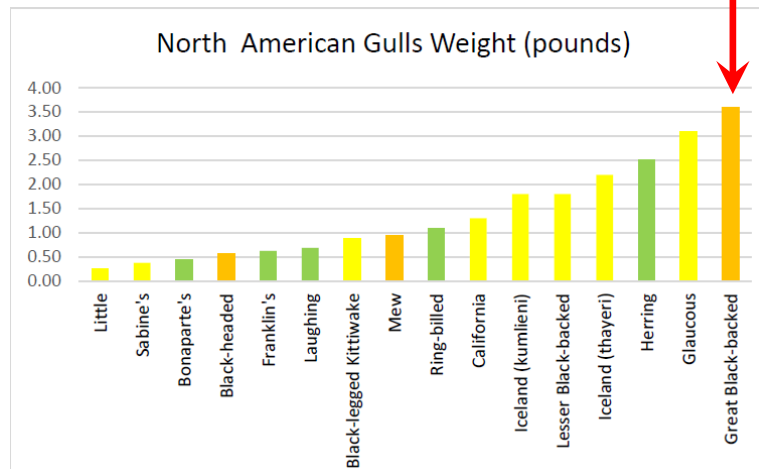


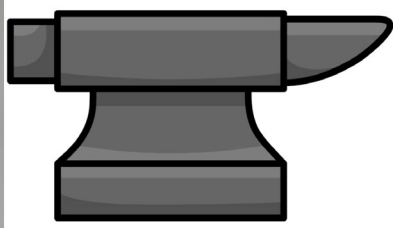
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Ring-billed

Herring

GBBG





**“Anvil-shaped”
head**

**Massive
yellow bill**



Very dark back
**Same tone as
primaries**

Thick neck



**Very large,
bulky body**

Thick, pink legs

GBBG

Photo by John Manger

LBBG



Photo by Nancy Villone

**Primaries
slightly darker**

GBBG



Photo by Luke Seitz

**Same tone as
primaries**

LBBG



Photo by Liam Waters

**Long, slender
wings**

GBBG

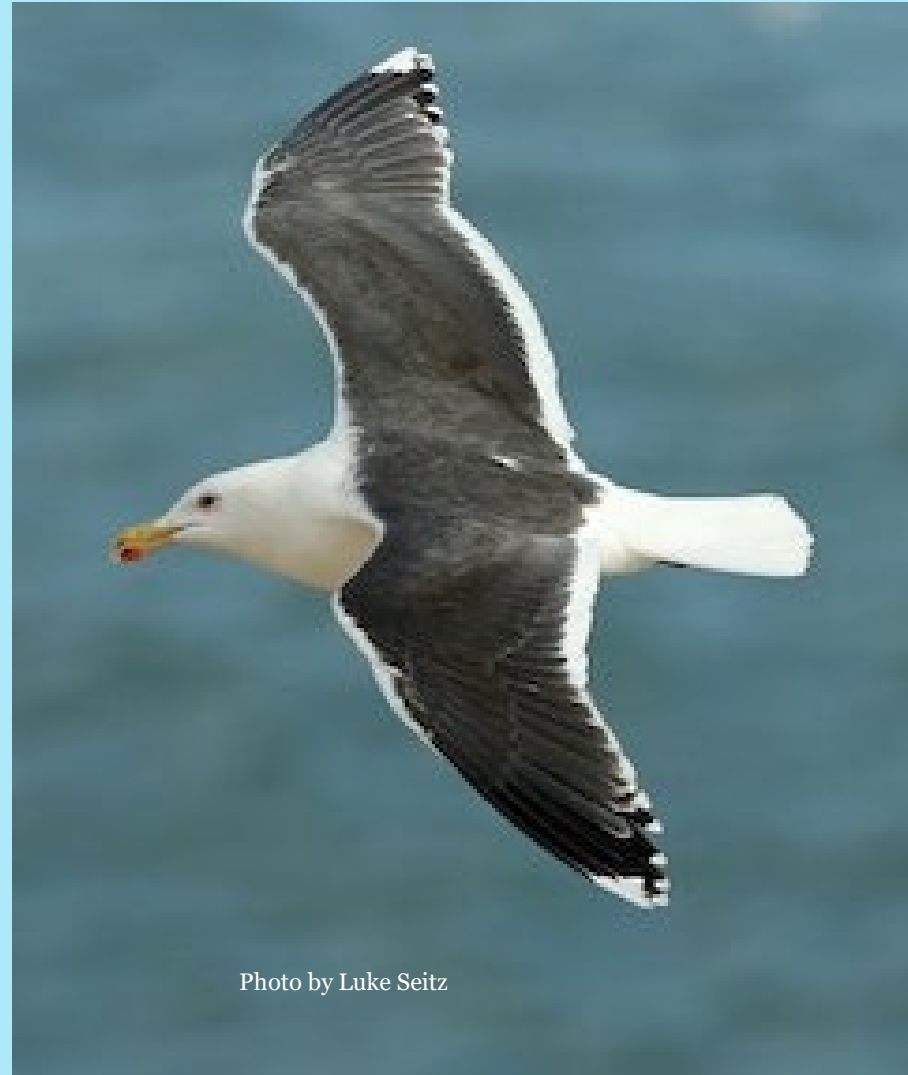


Photo by Luke Seitz

Big, bulky bird

Broad-based wings

GBBG

Herring

Small
GBBG

LBBG

GBBG

GBBG

Photo & slide by Kevin Karlson



pure white wingtips

GBBG

**Iceland
(*kumlieni*)**

Photo by Kevin Karlson

A photograph of three gulls standing on a sandy beach near the water's edge. The gull on the left is a Ring-billed Gull, the middle one is a Herring Gull, and the one on the right is a GBBG (Great Black-backed Gull). A fourth gull, a Bonaparte's Gull, is visible in the lower right corner. The background shows shallow water and a sandy shore.

Herring

GBBG

Ring-billed

Bonaparte's

**GBBG
Or
Herring ??**



Herring

**GBBG
Or
Herring ??**



Herring

**GBBG
Or
Herring ??**



GBBG



**Ring-
billed**

GBBG



Quiz birds

4

5

3

2

1

Photo & slide by Kevin Karlson



GBBG

5

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Herring

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Ring-billed

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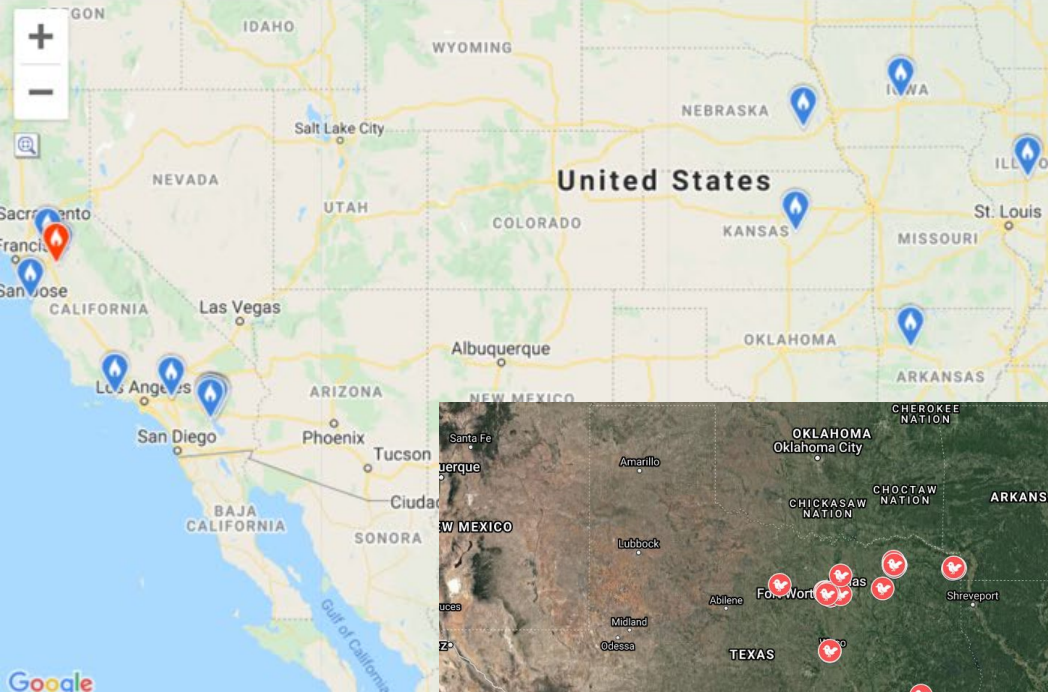
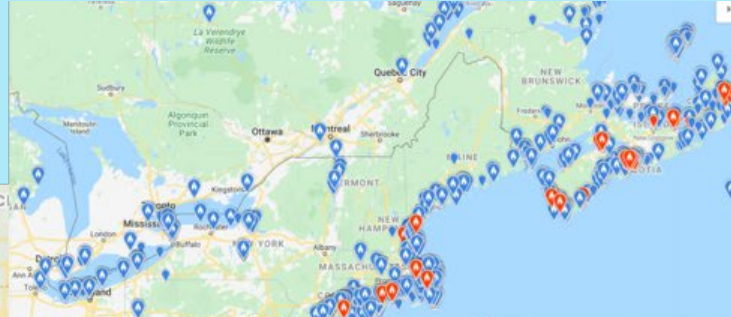
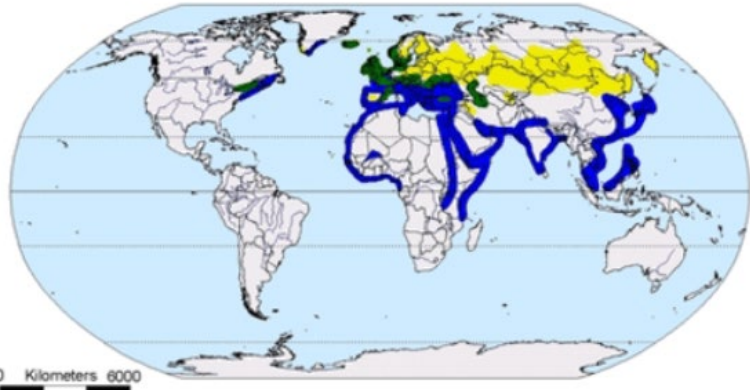
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3 European Vagrants

BLACK-HEADED

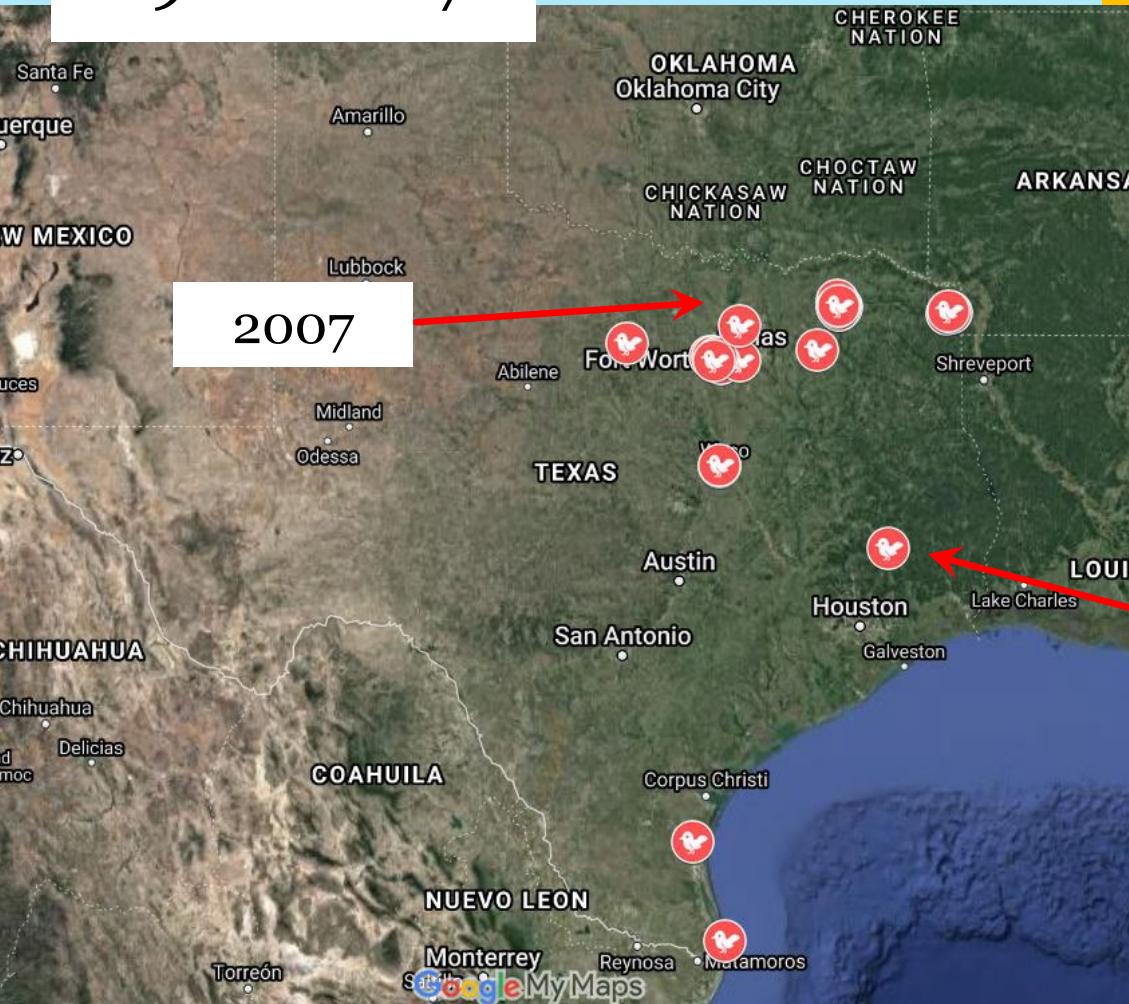
BLACK-HEADED



1982-2007

1982-2007

BLACK-HEADED



2007

BLACK-HEADED GULL

Larus ridibundus

Sunday, 10 January 1982 15:45

From San Jacinto County side of Lake Livingston Dam, Texas

Among the few hundred gulls feeding below the dam, this individual drew my attention first by its larger size (in flight) and, secondly, the overall white appearance of the upperparts. Once I found it, I continued to observe it for 15 minutes in flight in excellent light (clear skies) from 80-150 meters with 10 x 50 binocs.

when backlit, the dark of the under wing surface showed through



left wing (i.e. uppersurface)



right wing (i.e. undersurface)

The wings were as shown. In comparison, the gray on the upper wing surface was paler than on adult Bonaparte's Gulls nearby, giving wing less contrast.

The head was white with a dark spot posterior to the eye. The bill appeared dark most of the time I watched the bird, but when the

Notes by Randy Pinkston (1982)

SIZE COMPARISON



Photo by Jerry Chen



Photo by Blair Dudek

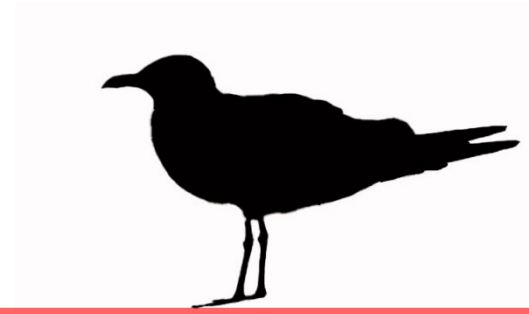
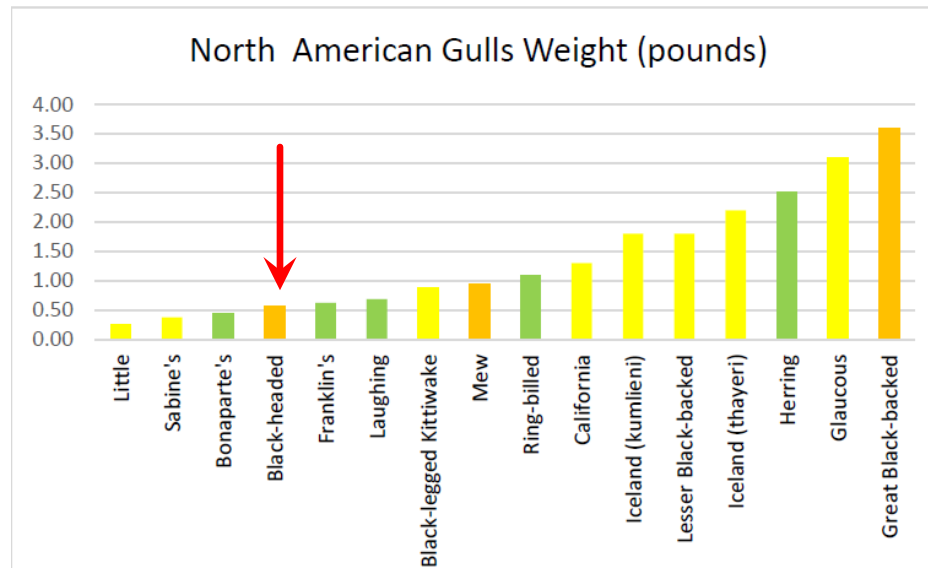


Photo by Brad Imhoff

Bonaparte's

Black-headed

Laughing



BLACK-HEADED

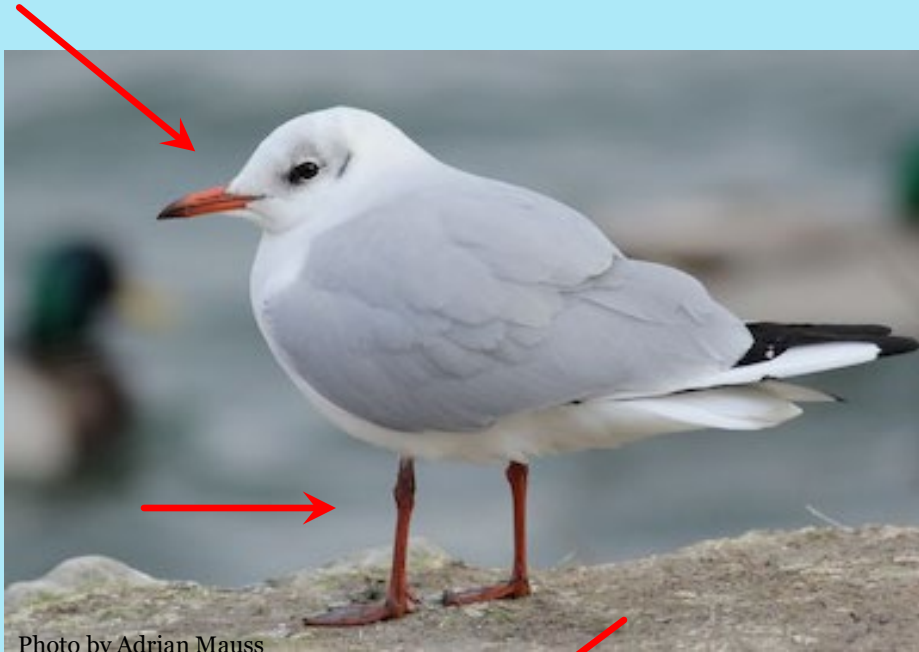


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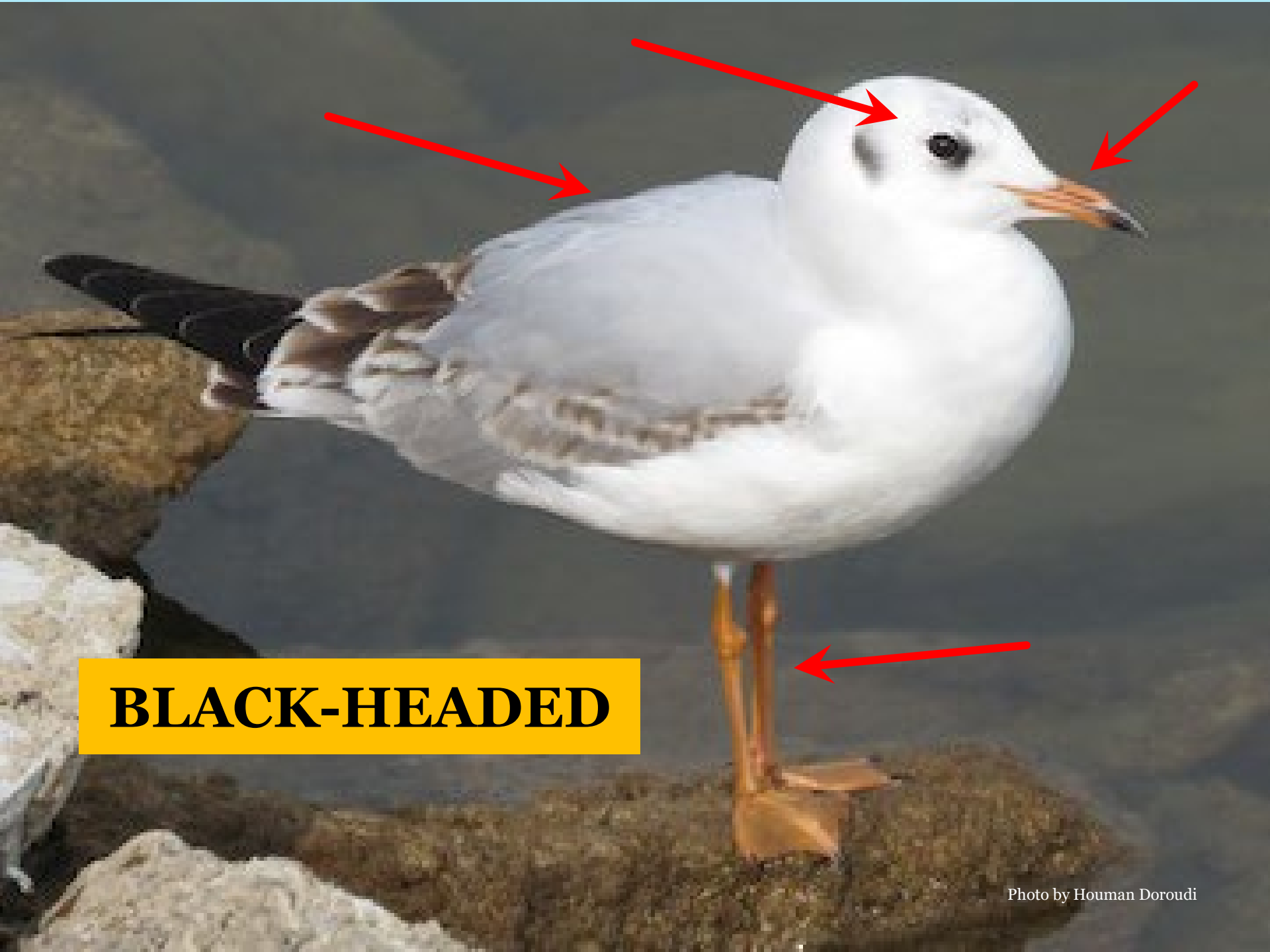
Photo by Jesus Barreda

Tarrant Co., January 7, 2000. One at Village Creek Wastewater Plant, *Tarrant*, from 24 December 1999 to 18 February 2000. Both of these records refer to returning birds. This banded individual was first discovered at Village Creek Drying Beds on March 2, 1998. It returned to spend the next three winters at the nearby water treatment facility, where on January 7, 2000 the band data was finally read via telescope. It was banded as "young out of nest" on June 29, 1996 at Hamenkyro, Hame, **Finland** (c. 100 miles NW of Helsinki). This was the first record from the USA (and second for North America) of a bird banded in Finland. [MR].




**BLACK-
HEADED**

Photo by Martin Reid



BLACK-HEADED

The image features three birds, likely terns, swimming in the water. One bird is in the upper left, another in the upper right, and a larger, more detailed view of a bird is in the lower left. The water is a light, sandy brown color. The background is a solid light blue color with a white cross-like shape in the center.

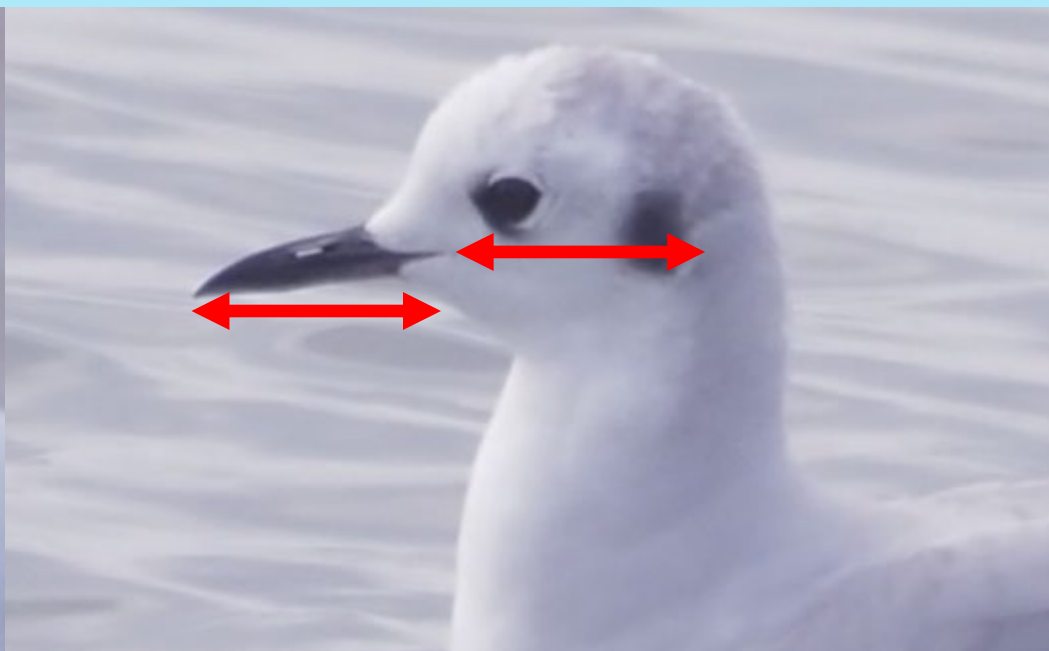
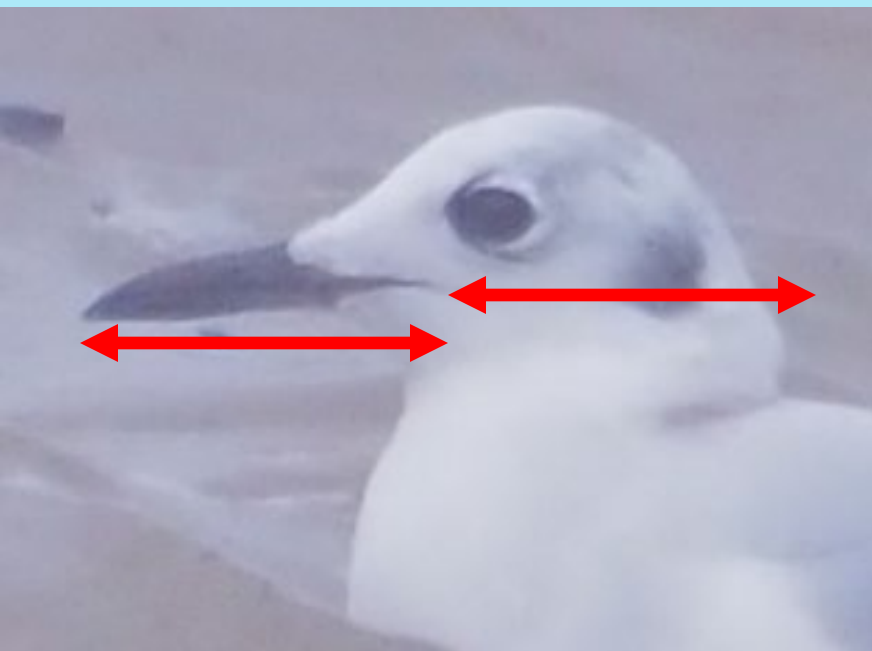
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BEACH, TX
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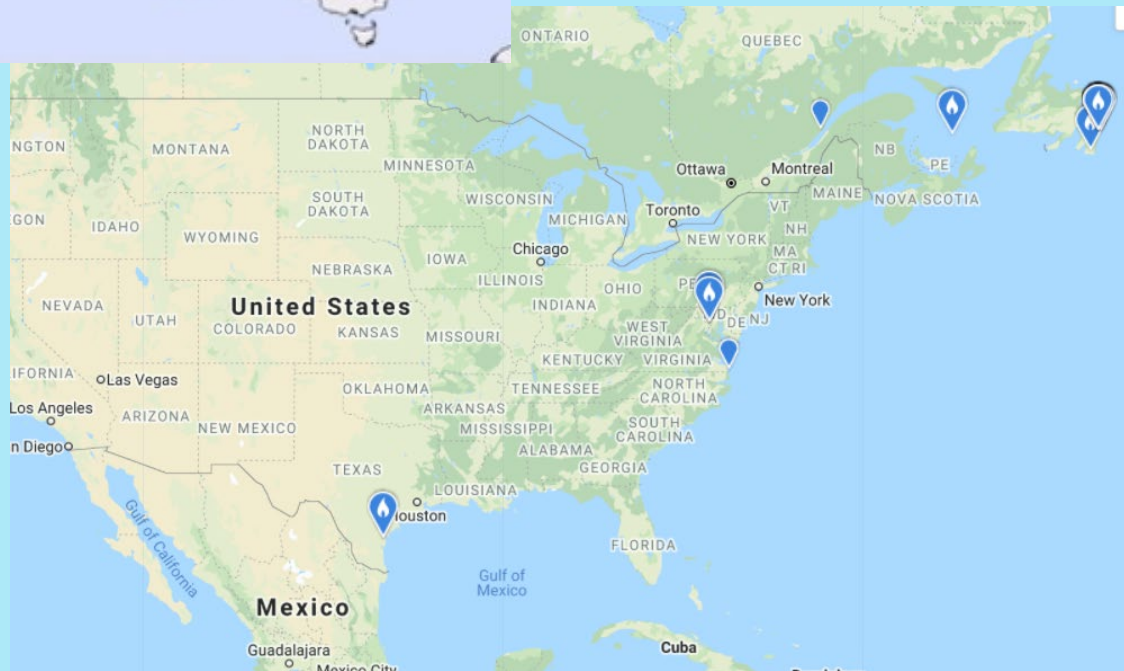
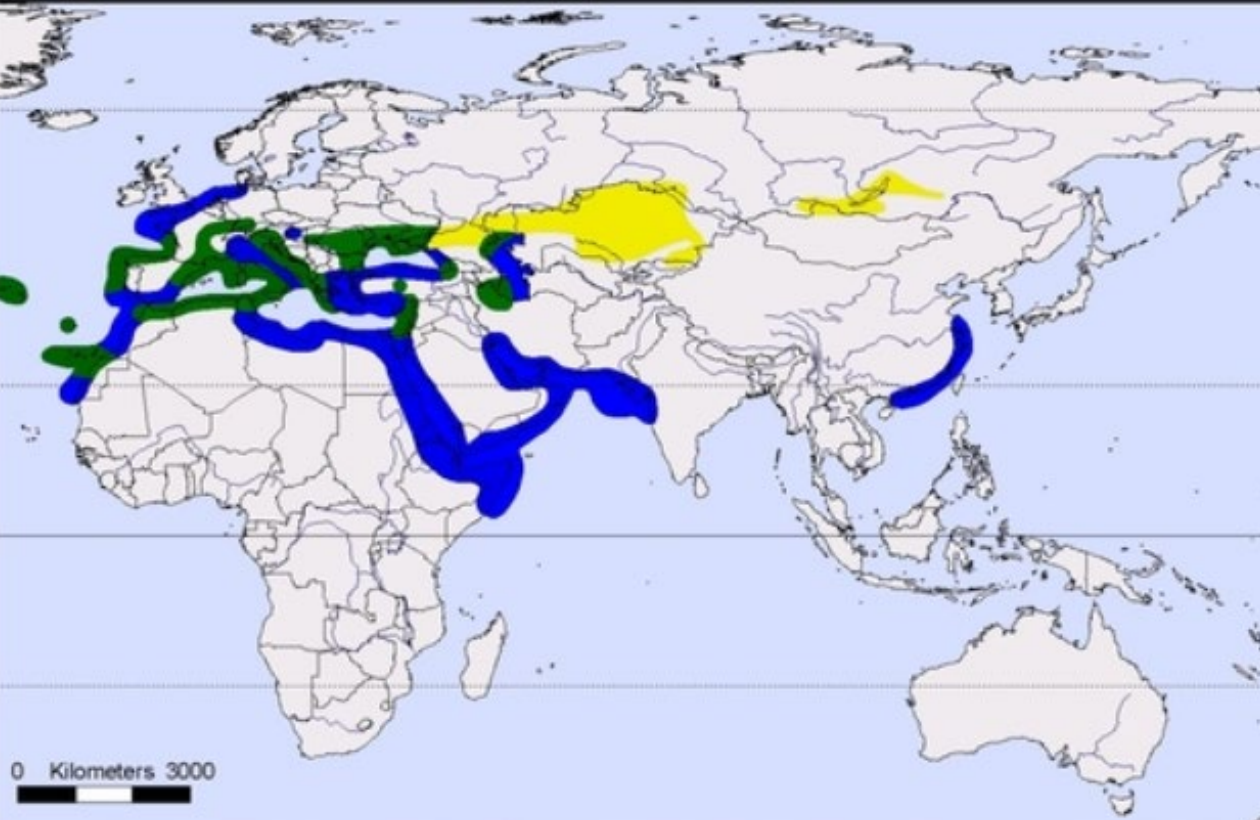
BONAPARTE'S



3 European Vagrants

YELLOW-LEGGED

YELLOW- LEGGED



SIZE COMPARISON

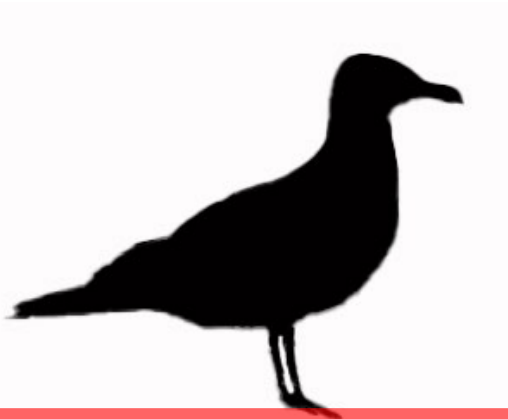


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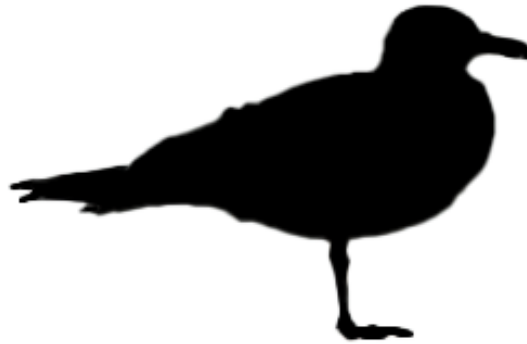


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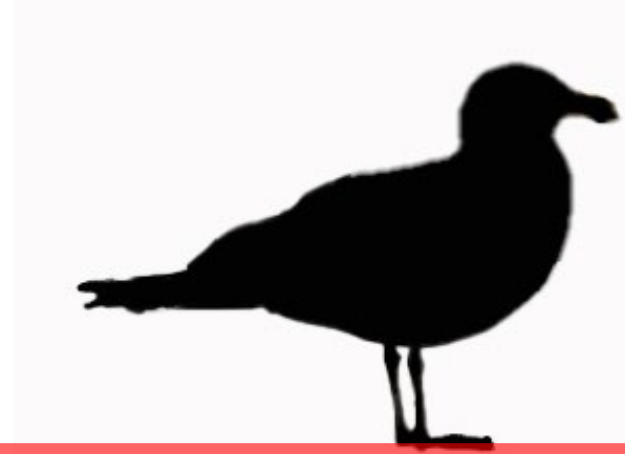
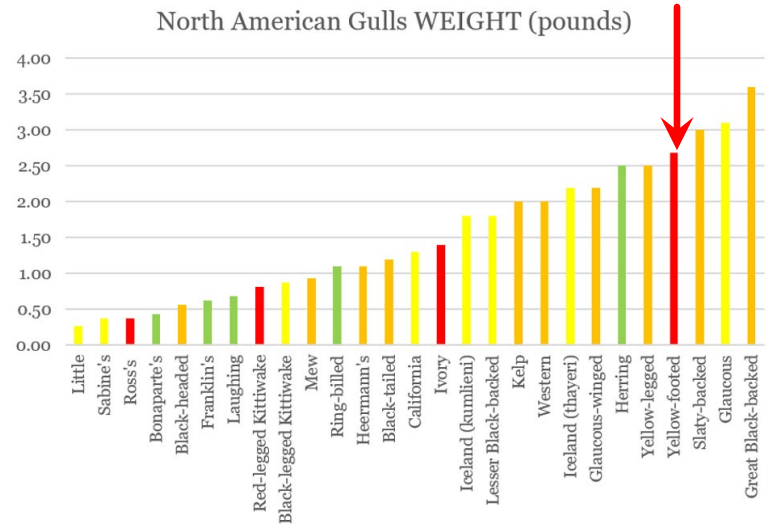


Photo by John Manger

Herring

Yellow-legged

GBBG



YELLOW-LEGGED



Herring



Yellow legs



**YELLOW-
LEGGED**

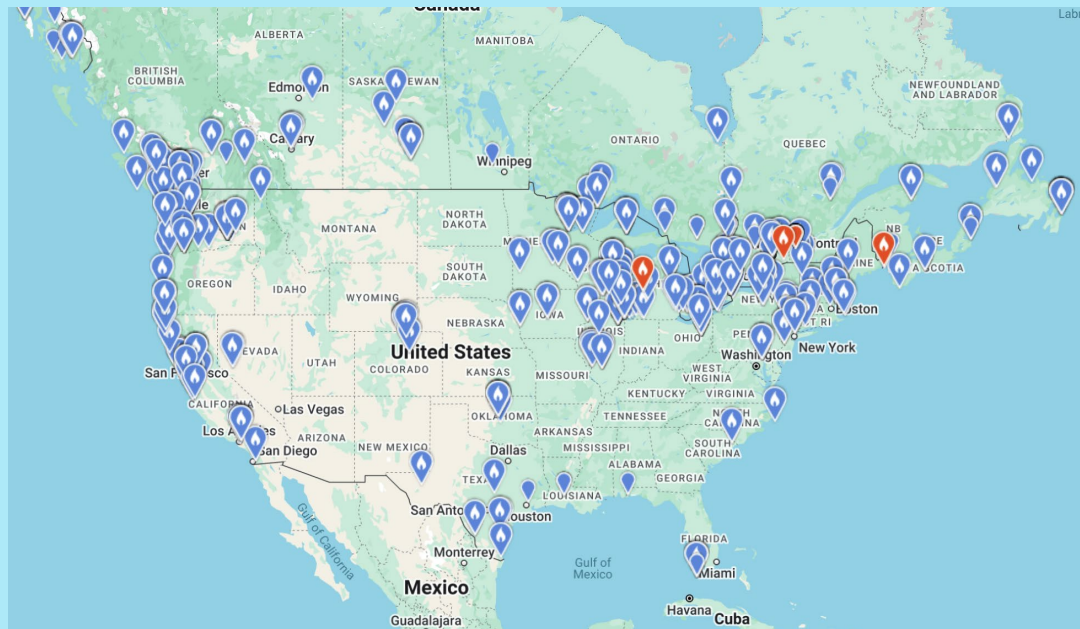
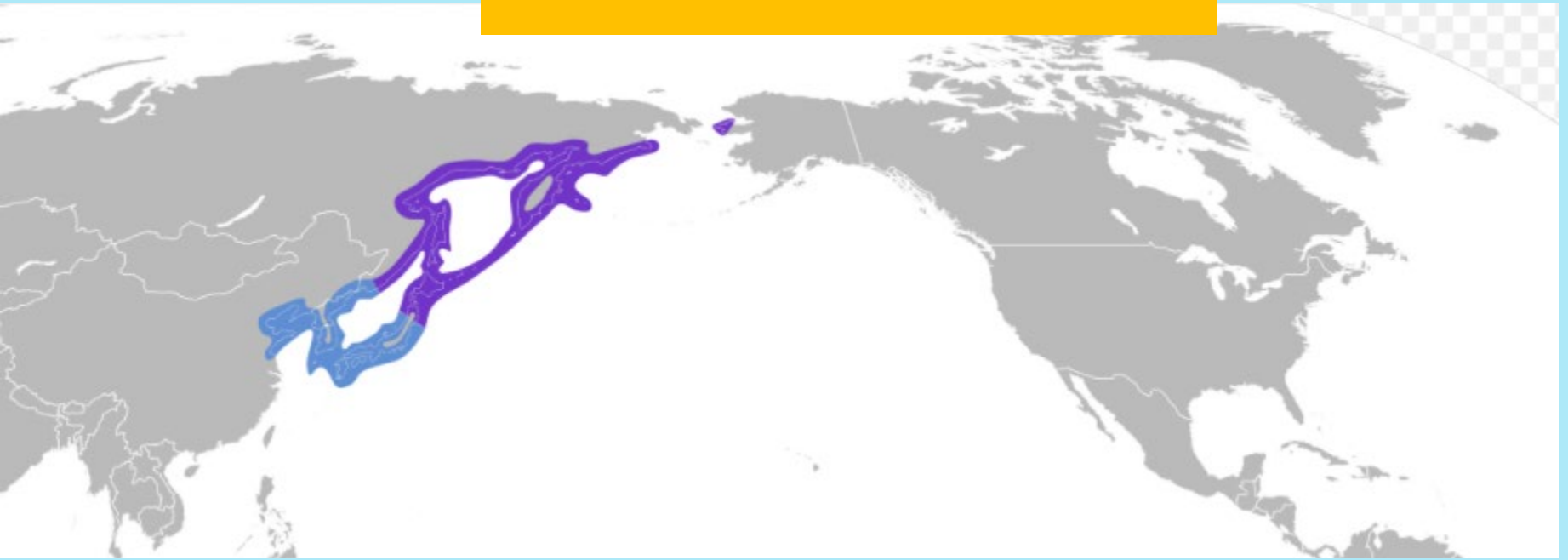
YELLOW-LEGGED NESSEBAR, BULGARIA



2 East Asian Vagrants

SLATY-BACKED

SLATY-BACKED



SIZE COMPARISON



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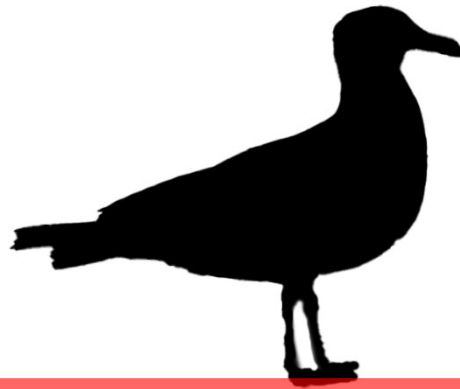


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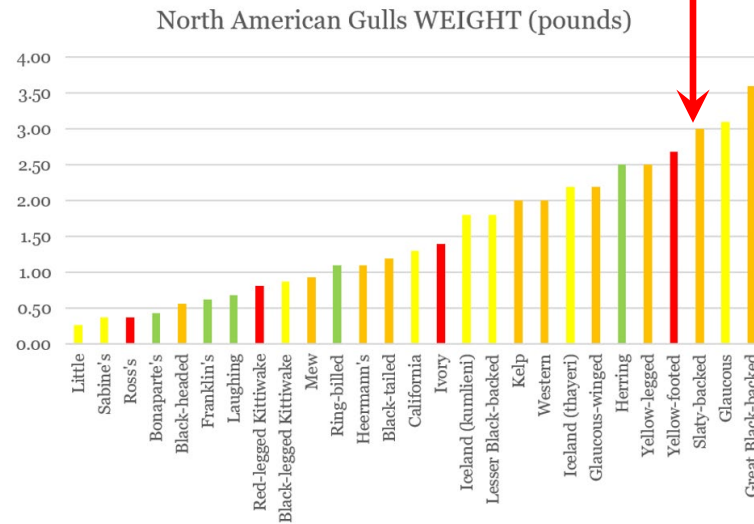


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Herring

Slaty-backed

GBBG



SLATY-BACKED

**Bill less
bulbous
than
Western**

**Bright pink legs
(Western's are
duller)**

Franklin's
Black-tailed
Laughing
Western
Lesser Black-backed
Yellow-footed
Heermann's
Slaty-backed
Great Black-backed
Kelp

Darker

SLATY-BACKED

**Heavily streaked
in basic plumage**

Dark back

**Eye often
bracketed by
dark streaks**

**Brighter pink legs than
Western or Herring**



Photo by Brenda Callaway

Herring



Photo by Blake Matheson

Western



Photo by Noah Stryker

SLATY-BACKED

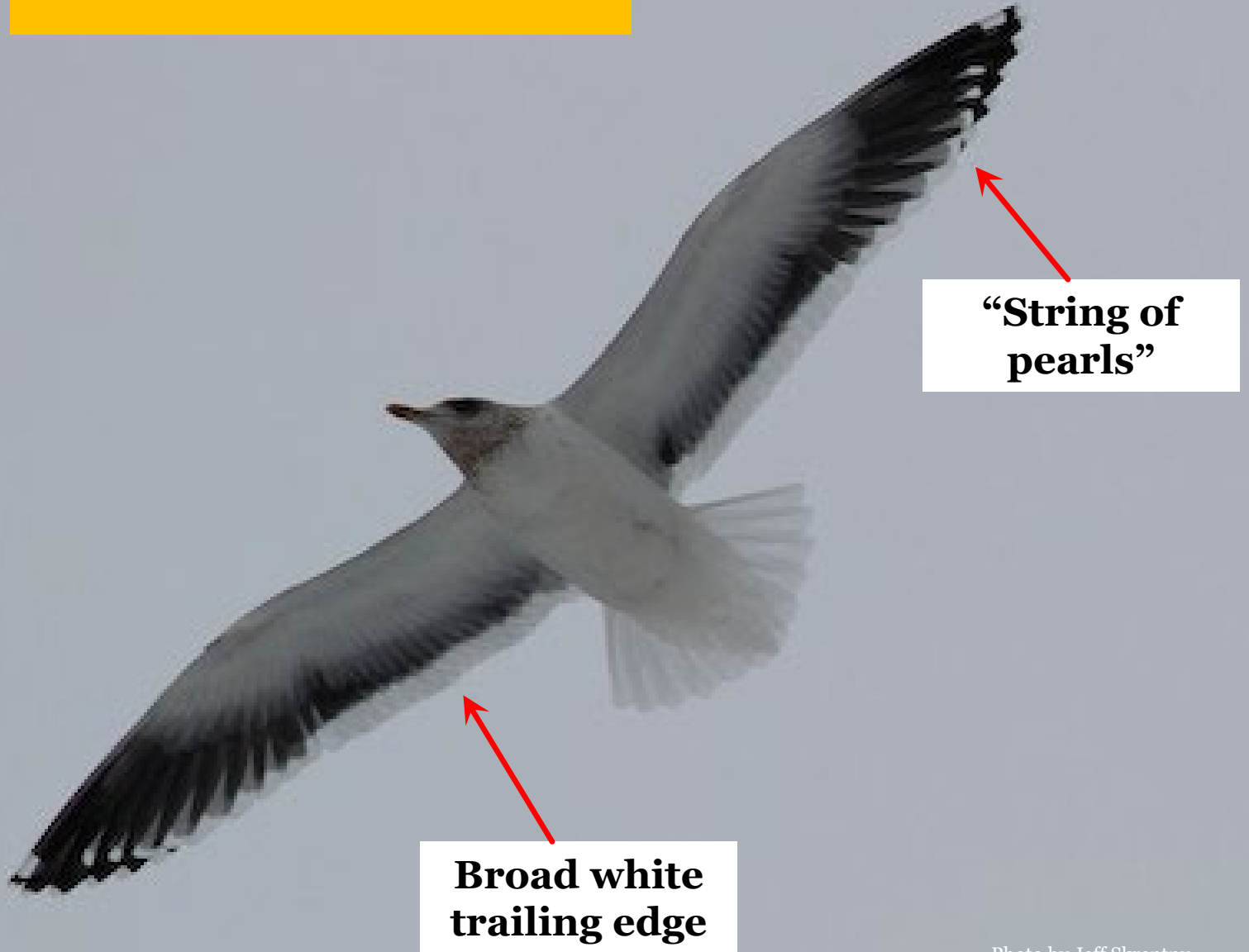
**Heavily streaked
in basic plumage**

Dark back

Photo by Ian Davies



SLATY-BACKED



SLATY-BACKED



Photo by Amar Ayash



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SLATY-BACKED

**Windy Point
Lake Travis
Feb 2023**

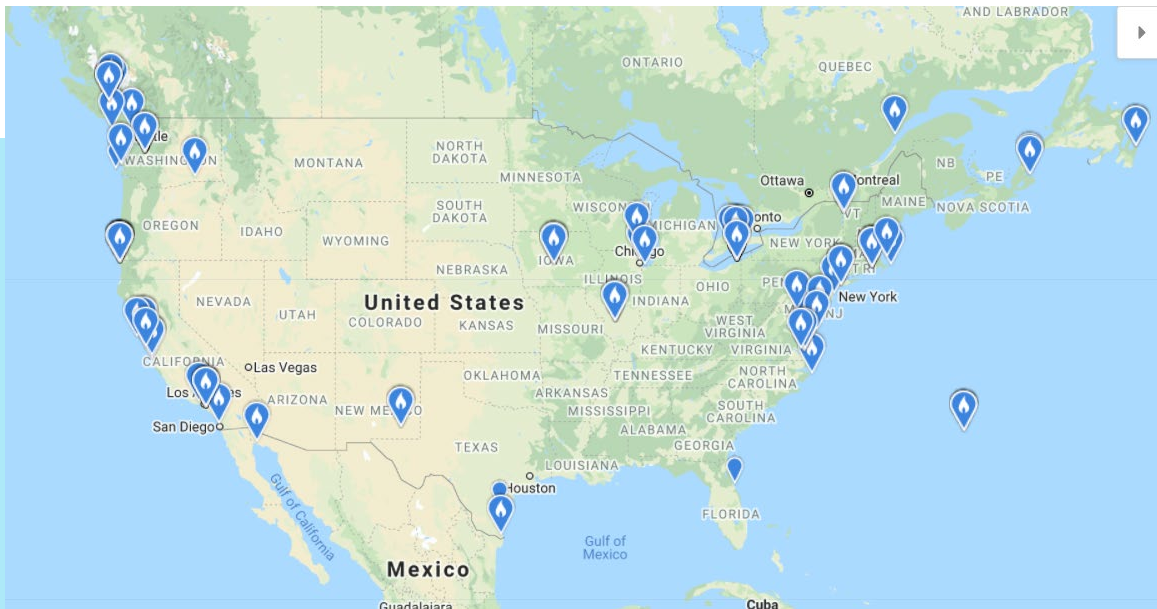


2 East Asian Vagrants

BLACK-TAILED



BLACK-TAILED



SIZE COMPARISON

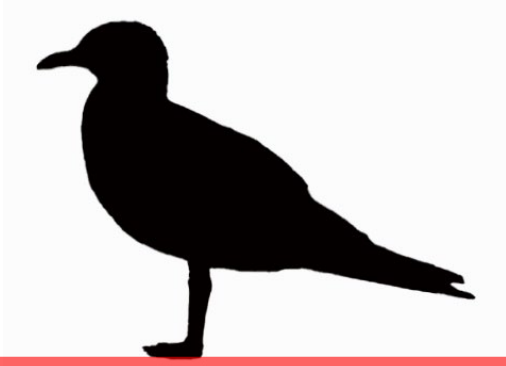


Photo by Peter Kaestner

Ring-billed

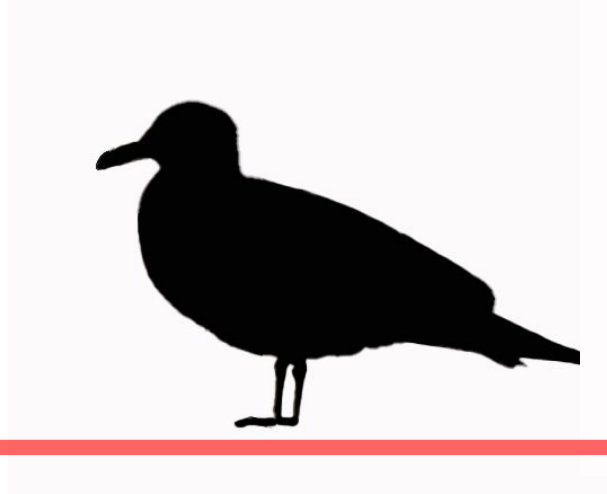


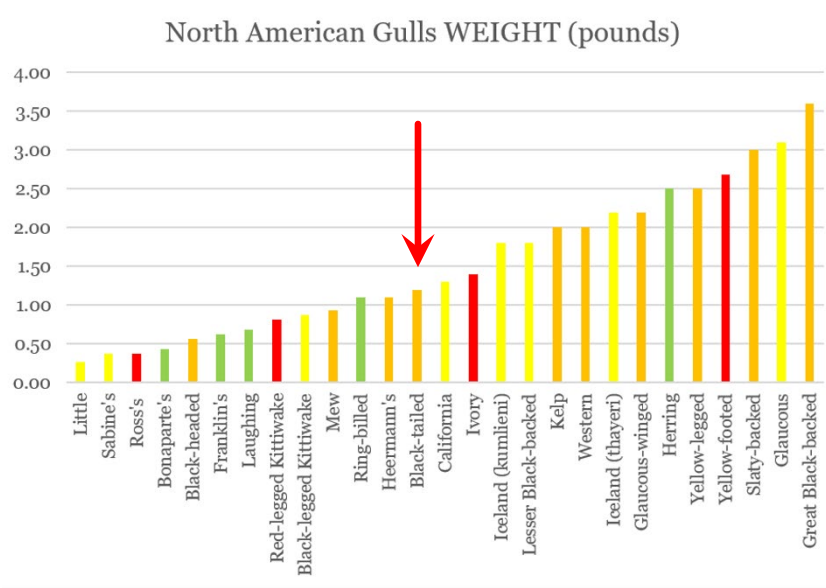
Photo by Christopher Moning

Black-tailed



Photo by Gordon Johnston

Herring



BLACK-TAILED

Long straight slender bi-color bill

Slaty gray upperparts

Black on upper & lower mandibles

Long wings extend well beyond tail

Yellow legs

Franklin's
Black-tailed
Laughing
Western
Lesser Black-backed
Yellow-footed
Heermann's
Slaty-backed
Great Black-backed
Kelp

Darker



Photo by Jeffrey E. Patterson

Ring-billed



Photo by Jeffrey E. Patterson

Ring-billed



Black-tailed

Photo by Michael Brothers



Black-tailed

Photo by Roger Ahlman

BLACK-TAILED

Pale
eyes

Long bill with
black-and-red tip



BLACK-TAILED



Photo by Robert Doster



Photo by Greg Lasley

**White tail,
black band,
white tip
(all plumages)**



Photo by Tom Beeke

BLACK-TAILED

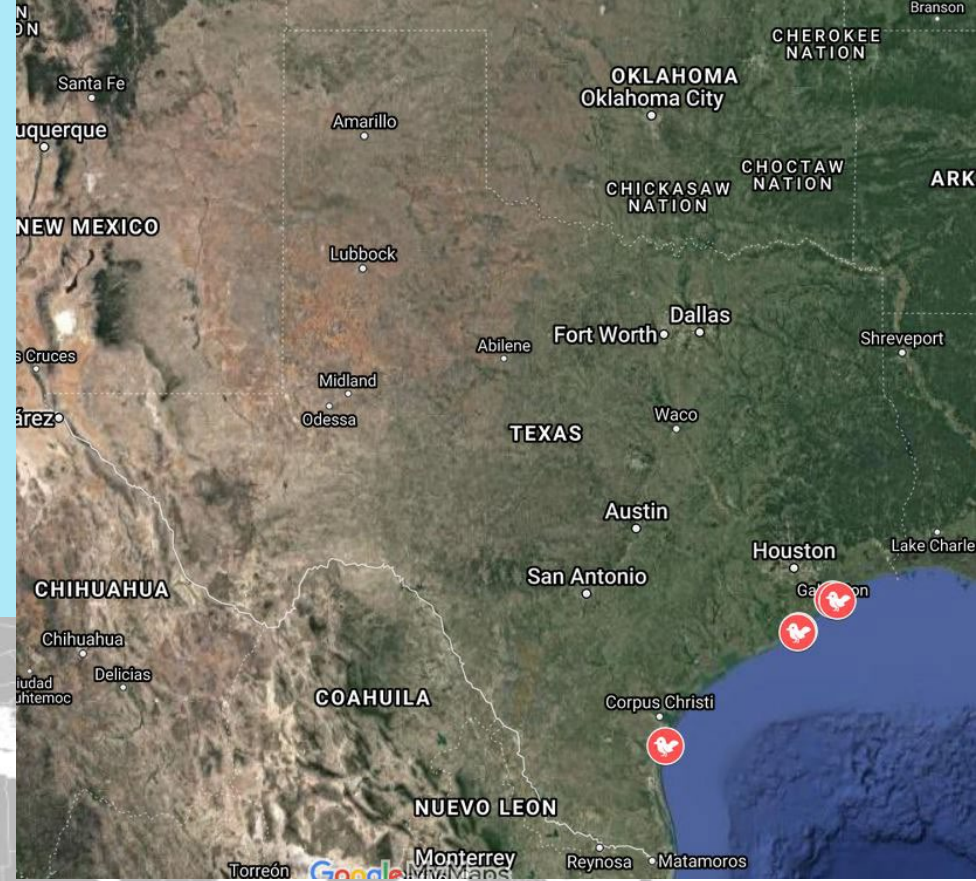


Photo by Matthew Cvetas

2 Southern Hemisphere Vagrants

KELP

KELP



SIZE COMPARISON



Photo by Pablo Re

Kelp



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Herring

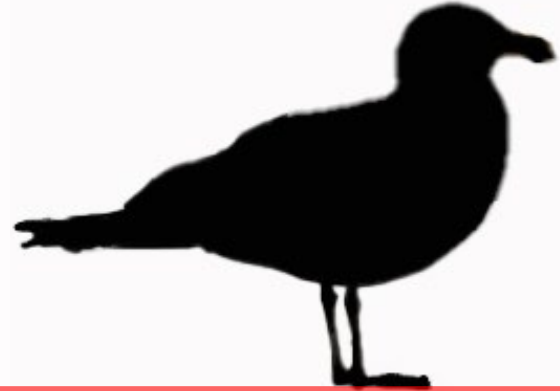
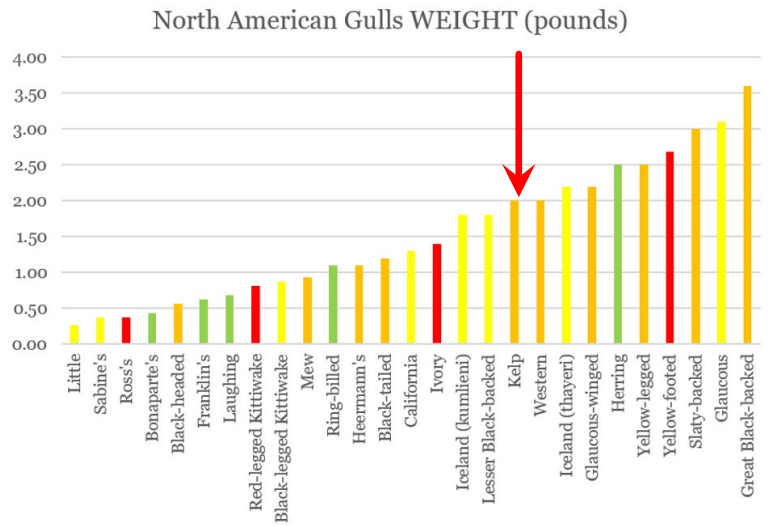


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GBBG



KELP

Franklin's	Darker ↓
Black-tailed	
Laughing	
Western	
Lesser Black-backed	
Yellow-footed	
Heermann's	
Slaty-backed	
Great Black-backed	
Kelp	

Stout bill with bulging tip

Darkest black back

Equally dark wingtips

Bulky body

Primaries slightly past tail

KELP



**12/29/24
Nueces
County, Tx**

1st year

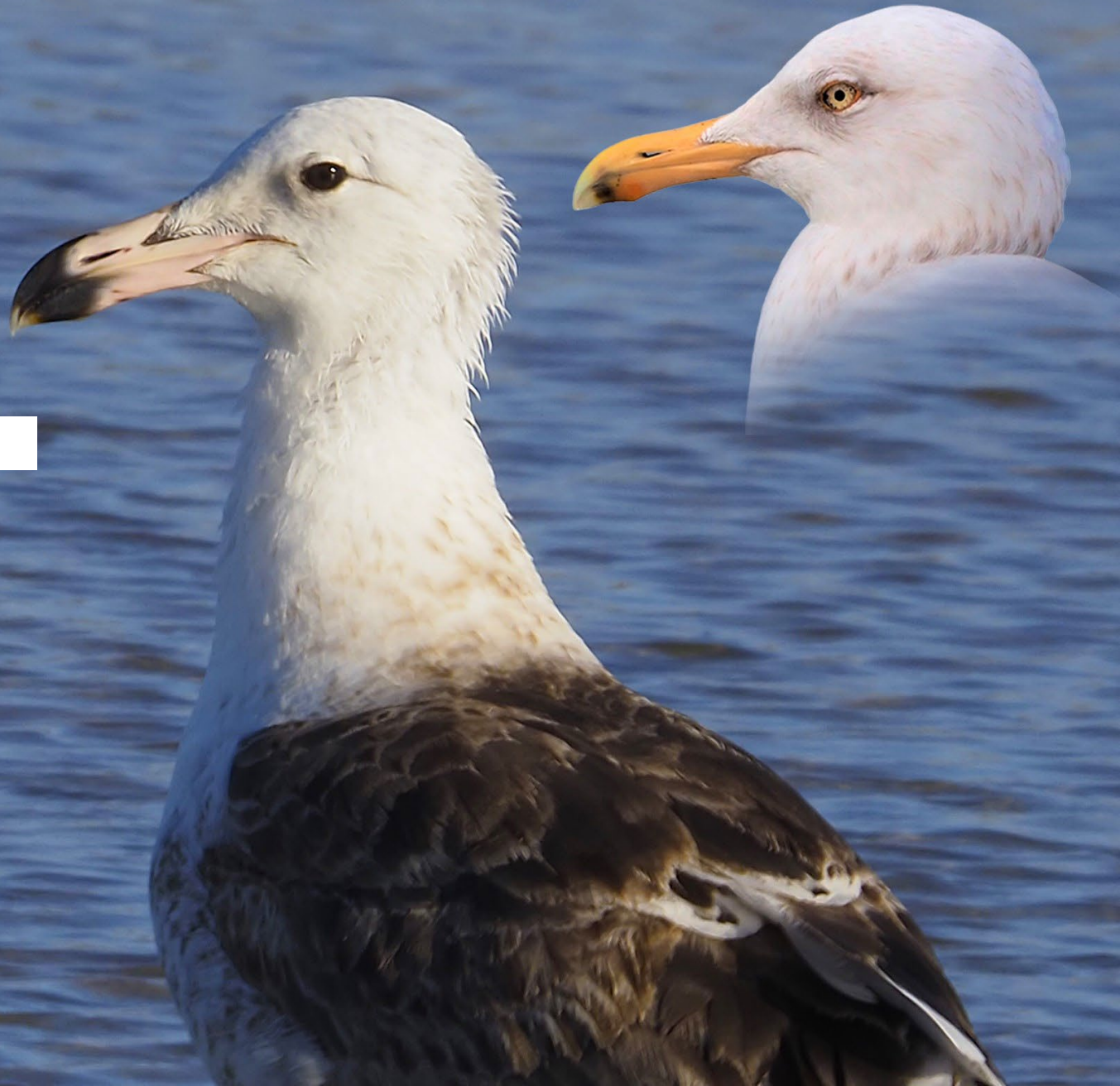
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KELP

1st year

**12/29/24
Nueces
County, Tx**

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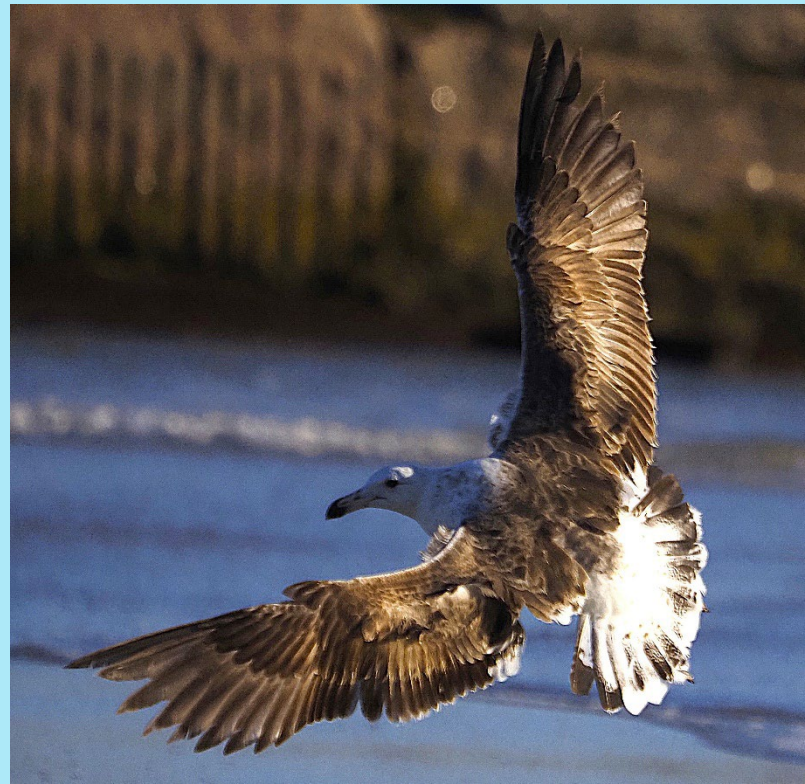


1st year

**12/29/24
Nueces
County, Tx**

KELP

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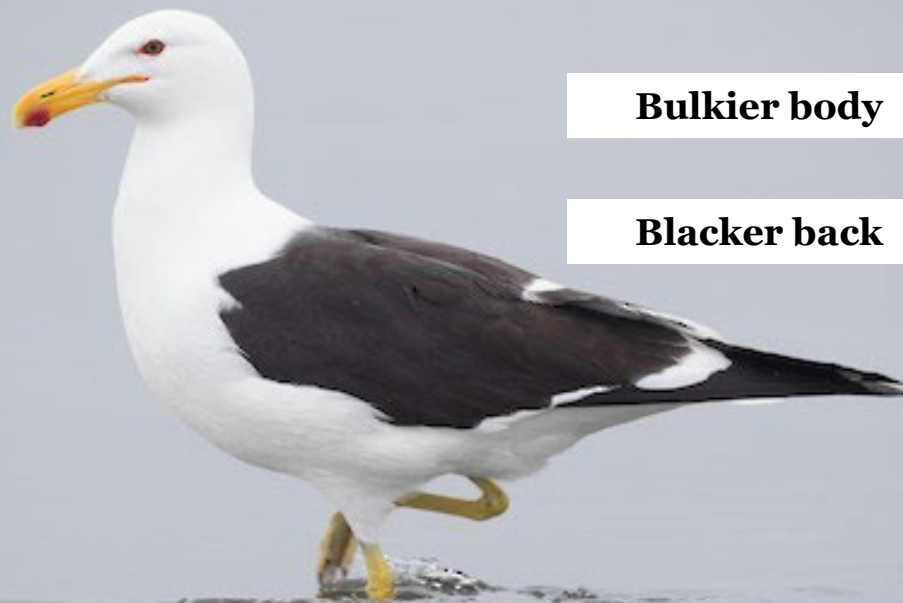


LBBG

Photo by Jeffrey E Patterson

KELP

**Bulkier,
more bulbous
bill**



Bulkier body

Blacker back

Photo by Chris Wood



Photo by Shailesh Pinto

KELP



Photo by Roger Ahlman

KELP



Galveston County, 3/27/96

Photo by Greg Lasley

2 Southern Hemisphere Vagrants

GRAY

GRAY



SIZE COMPARISON

Gray



Photo by Clay Bliznick

Laughing

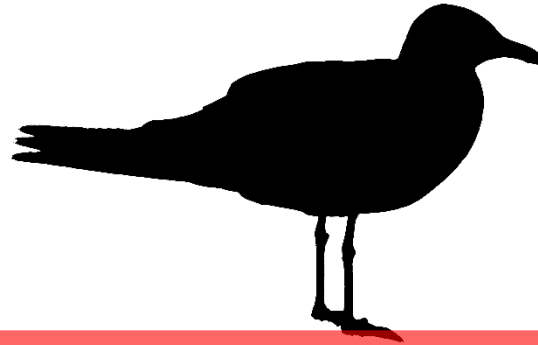


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Ring-billed

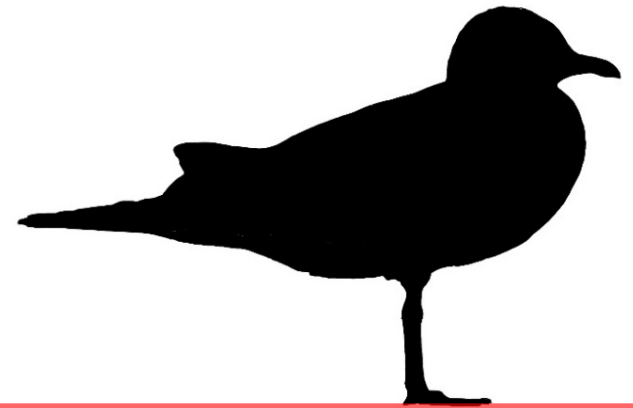
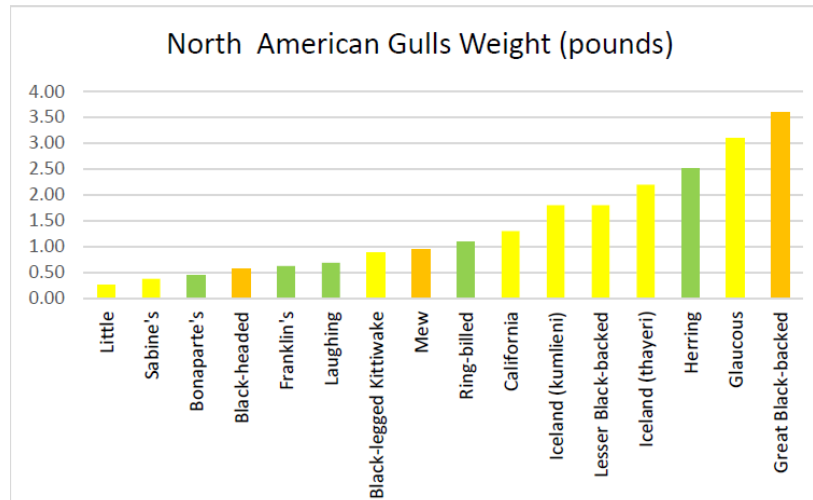
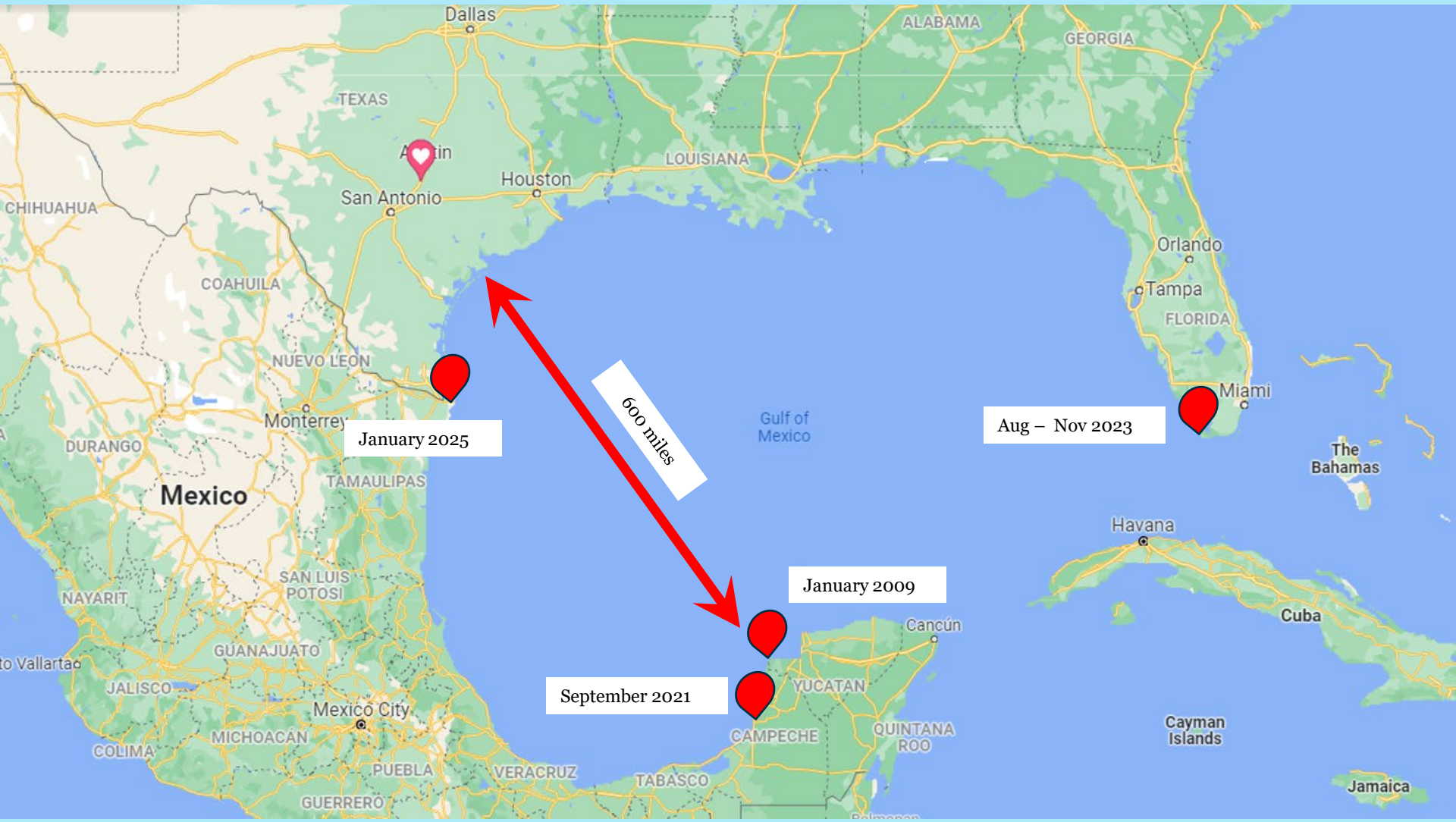


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NEXT TEXAS & ABA RARITY ?

Gray



“Who do I
remind you of ?

GRAY



Photo by Clay Blizneck

1st Year



Photo by Greg Hudson

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Laughing

Breeding adult



Photo by Blake Matheson

Brownsville Dump

1/14/25



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Brownsville Dump
1/3/25

GRAY



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