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On 4/13/91 at approximately 0845.
Mr. Morris Cox and I were surveying
Memorial CAKE. We noticed a bird
flying along the shore on the
opposite side of the CAKE. We
were able to see a bright orange
bill and a black cap. The
bird flew away from us
and up the far shore of the lake.
At that time we knew it was
A TORN BUT WERE unable to
see the tail. At that time we decided
to drive up to the other end
of the lake to see if we could
get A BETTER LOOK. We went
behind General Sajar's home
and first SAW A gull sitting
in the water APPROXIMATELY
75-100 ft off the shore. The
gull had a black head and
by my binoculars (TASCOS) I could
only identify his beak as black.
At that time I referred to
my Peterson's and at first
THINKING IT WAS A LAUGHING GULL
REALIZED THAT HIS BLACK CAP
WAS NOT AS FAR DOWN HIS NECK
AS A LAUGHING GULL. MORRIS HAS
MUCH BETTER OPTICS AND STATED
THE BEAK WAS BLACKISH-RED. WE

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Pole

April 14th 9: A.M.

White bridging Memorial Lake
With my friend Jay Cost, we found
two birds of interest. The first bird
was flying back and forth on the far
side of the lake but I could tell it
was a tern. The second bird was
sitting on the water and from where
we were parked, I couldn't tell what
it was.

I drove the car a little
further around the lake and park-
ed at the general's house. We walked
down to the boat dock—behind the
generals—to better see the birds.

The tern was still across the
lake so I checked the bird on the
water first. I found it to be a gull.
The first thing I noted was the head.
It was black with a sort of white
streak coming up the back almost
to the crown. Next I noted an
eye ring then the bill. The bill was

reddish black in color. I checked my Petersons and found it be a Franklins Gull. AT THIS POINT I Turned back to the Tern. The first thing I took note of was its large size. Next I saw the color of its bill. Bright Orange! With no color on the point. Soon after, the bird turned and started flying across the lake towards us. I remarked to Jay to take note of the tail. The bird flew almost over head before rolling to its right back out over the lake. It was at this point that we saw a very deep, forked tail. Checking our Petersons, we not that this could only have been a Royal Tern! I'm sure of this because of the following.

- a. Its large size
- B. Its bright orange bill with no other color on it.
- C. The very deep forked tail.

MORRIS COX

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Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: Franklin's Gull

Date of Sighting: April 14, 1991

Observer(s): Morris Cox, Jay Cool

Date of Submission: 1991

Submitted by: Morris Cox, Jay Cool

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas							X
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G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner						X	
P. Schwalbe							X
TOTALS						4	3
DECISION						X	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

B. Haas

Date:

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