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White bridging Memorial Lake  
With my friend Jay Cool, we found  
two birds of interest. The first bird  
was flying back and forth on the east  
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 to be a Franklin's 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 toward us. I remarked to Jay to take note of the tail. The bird flew almost overhead before falling 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 note that this could only have been a Royal Tern! I'm sure of this because of the following.

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

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On 4/15/91 at approximately 0845  
Mr. Morris Cox and I were surveying  
Memorial LAKE. We noticed a bird  
flying along the shore on the  
opposite side of THE LAKE. 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 TERN 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  
100 feet off the shore. The  
bird had a black head and  
I used binoculars (Tasco's) I could  
not 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  
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opposite side of the lake. 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 Tern but were unable to see the tail. At that time we decided to drive up to the ~~end~~ end of the lake to see ~~if~~ we could get a better look. We went behind General Sagar'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 (Tasco's) 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 then realized this was a Franklin's Gull.

Shortly thereafter we saw the Tern again flying to our left and above and with a sharp "V" shaped tail. This

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Voting Tabulation - Round ~~1 of 1~~  
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Species: **Royal Tern**

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		
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E. Kwater						X	
B. Haas						X	
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G. McWilliams						X	
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe						X	
TOTALS				1		5	1
DECISION						X	

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

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Date:

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