

217 St. James Pl Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 21, 1898.

The Museum Forester,

My dear Sir:-

I take the liberty
of writing you, to ask your assistance
in determining the species of a gull
which is apparent to me may be
the species you have described as
Larus Kumlini. My description is
viz:- Eye, 20.727 eye 22.13. Tarsus,

L. 2 3/4 T. 16 3/8 Bill 1.78 x .66 as projection
on lower mandible. Iris brown. Color of
bill dark horn color, lighter at tip and
along ^{lower} edge of lower mandible. Tarsus
2.25 color, dirty ~~thin~~ white.

The feathers of the top of head

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back, greater ² lesser wing coverts
and tips of primaries much worn. Of
the latter the first the most.

The ~~superior~~ parts, (head and
back) white, spotted ^{and barred} with ashy
gray, brownish gray and brownish
ashy ^{and buffy}. Upper tail coverts barred
and wing coverts mottled and
barred with a greater amount of
brownish ashy and buffy.

Under parts white (darker white on
belly) streaked mottled and
barred with ashy gray and
brownish gray ^{or buffy}. Tail ashy gray,
spotted and barred especially
on outer webs with white and
tipped with white.

The primaries ^{ventrally} are silver

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White ~~and~~ ~~the~~ shafts worn white,
on under side. Above, the
4 outer primaries have the
outer web and shaft light
brownish gray. On inner webs
white, toward the tips marked
like outer web and tipped
(both webs) with white. The
shade of brownish gray on the
outer webs is slightly fainter
from ~~without~~ first primary in-
ward. The remaining prima-
ries are very lightly shaded
with brownish gray or grayish
on their outer webs and on
inner web spots toward the
tip ^{with brownish gray} and abruptly tipped with ~~white~~
white

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The coverts of the primaries are a uniform light brownish gray ^{basally} tipped with white. All the coverts ^{with white} of the secondaries much mottled, and ^{basally} tipped with white.

The bird was shot Mar. 9, 1898 ^{on the open} about 4 miles off Rockaway Beach by a gunner of the same place who was "sighted" in a small boat with a set of "Aed Synon" stools along side. He ~~sighted~~ me any thing unusual he picked up and I obtained this from him.

Very sincerely yours,

William C. Brewster (M.D.)

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Walter Bruce Esq.

Dear Sir:

In the kind offer of

Mr. Brewster to examine the Green
Throated by your note of the 18th
I refer the bird to him.

It is very possible that the bird
may be an unusual phase of the
common Green, but it is unlike
any I have, or those I find in
the collection of the Am. Mus. in New
York.

Very sincerely yours,

William C. Braintree.

P.S. - The bird was exposed this morning. Kindly tender to
Mr. Brewster my thanks for his reaction. Yours W. C. B.