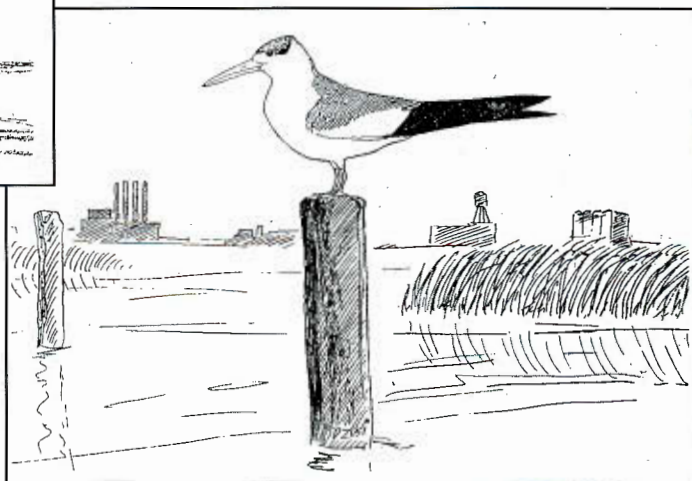


Figures 1 & 2:  
Sketches of Large-billed Tern  
by Richard Zusi.

This species was seen  
at Lake Calumet, Cook Co.  
from 15 July to 20 September 1949.



photos; the second sentence of that article requires correction: Thanksgiving Day was 26 Nov in 1992. A third photo appears in color in AB 47:169. One first-year bird at Springfield SAN 31 Dec (1994.050; HDB); see MJIB 4:108-109. Four additional reports are still under review.

**Sabine's Gull** (*Xema sabini*): Up to five juveniles at Carlyle L. CLI 18 Sep - 2 Oct (1996.090; DK). This species has been removed from the review list.

**Ivory Gull** (*Pagophila eburnea*): One immature at L. Springfield SAN 1 Jan (1991.001; HDB, DO\*); first confirmed state record and southernmost for the region. A photo, sketch, and account appear in Bohlen 1991b. One immature at Montrose and Burnham Harbors, Chicago COO 25 Dec - 2 Jan (1991.002; KH\*, AFS, JG, SH, SDB, RTC, DO\*, RDH\*, JBM\*); second confirmed state record. This bird was discovered on the Chicago Lakefront CBC, and provides the first CBC record for Illinois. A color photo graced the cover of the AB CBC issue (46.4); this photo also appears in color in AB 46:331 and in black-and-white in MJIB 1:94. Two additional photos and two accounts are published in MJIB 1:92-96; see Stokie 1992 and Walters 1992b. Despite the comments in the latter reference, a report of this species from 1949, although almost certainly correct, remains undocumented and unaccepted.

**Gull-billed Tern** (*Sterna nilotica*): One adult at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 30 May (1997.011; EW\*). First confirmed state record; supported by diagnostic photos. For a full account, see Walters 1997.

**Sandwich Tern** (*Sterna sandvicensis*): One adult at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 26 Apr (1989.024; LCB); first state and regional record. Binford 1993 gives a detailed account and a sketch. The documentation supplies meticulous detail by a professional ornithologist and outstanding field observer, and provides one of the exceptional occasions in which the Committee accepted a single-observer sight record as an addition to the state list.

**Arctic Tern** (*Sterna paradisaea*): One adult at L. Springfield cinder flats SAN 28 Jun - 1 Jul (1992.013; HDB; VMK, TMP, JEL\*, DO\*, JBM\*); first confirmed

state record. Bohlen 1993 provides details as well as two photos, the first of which appears in color in AB 46:1194. One adult at Brandon Road Lock and Dam WLL 27 May (1993.040; JBM\*, JEL, WS); second state record. Two photos appear in MJIB 2:150, the second of which is published in color in AB 47:468. An account is in MJIB 2:140. One adult at the Braidwood Nuclear Station WLL 6 May (1995.017; JBM\*); third state record and first SBC record. A photo and an account appear in MJIB 4:140-141; this photo also appears in AFN 49:258.

**Large-billed Tern** (*Phaetusa simplex*): One at L. Calumet COO 15 Jul - 20 Sep (1949.003; CTC, RLZ\*); first North American record. A diagnostic description, excellent sketches, and strongly supportive photographs of this South American species validate the identification. For a crude sketch and brief account, see Zimmerman 1949. A proposed subspecific identification is indefensible (Burt Monroe, Jr., in litt.). The origins (but not the identification) of this celebrated bird have been questioned (AOU 1983:235). There is little reason to suppose the bird might have been an aviary escape; in a letter to CTC dated 16 Jul 1952, the general curator of the New York Zoological Society, Lee S. Crandall, wrote, "We have never had a specimen of the Large-billed Tern...and I have never heard of the species being kept in captivity." The possibility that it reached North American waters via ship assistance can-