



*Bohemian Waxwings at the Evanston lake front, 2-3 November 1991. Drawing by Diane Johnson.*

The bird was seen again on 9 & 21 November. On 16 November, two jaegers were seen at Lake Carlyle, but were too far away to be positively identified.

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#### **Dump Site Attracts Du Page County Firsts**

Dumps often can be a great place for spotting gulls. The garbage dump and adjacent quarry at Mallard Lake Forest Preserve in northcentral Du Page is no exception.

Several birders and I were participating in a Du Page County "big year" and decided to search this location for unusual gulls.

On 5 October 1991, I saw a fairly large, long-winged gull with a dark-gray upper mantle with yellowish legs standing on a patch of gravel near

the water. In flight, the upper wings were all dark.

These field marks helped me identify this bird as a second winter Lesser Black-backed Gull. This first county record was followed by an adult located here on 10 November 1991 by Alan Stokie which I then saw on 16 November. On 10 October 1991 at this same dump, a smaller and chunkier gull than a Ring-billed Gull, with rounded wings, landed in the quarry lake. Its dark half-hood, thick white eye-crescents, and dark bill told me it was a first winter Franklin's Gull. A second bird was observed here two weeks later. Both of these records were observed during the Franklin's Gull typical migration period.

A long overdue Thayer's Gull was added to the Du Page County list when I spotted an adult at the site on 14 November 1991. Approximately ten more sightings of this species occurred before the end of the year.