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*Cover photograph:* A Curve-billed Thrasher *Toxostoma curvirostre* sings from atop a Saguaro *Cereus giganteus* at Phoenix, Arizona. Photographed in January 1978 by Jolan B. Truan.

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## Snap Judgment 5

This gull was photographed somewhere over North American waters in late September. What is it — and why?

The answer, a discussion of the diagnostic characters involved in the identification, and the name of the photographer will appear in the December 1979 issue of *Continental Birdlife*.

