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REQUEST FOR GULL REPORTS

During May through July of each year for a five-year period, Ringbilled Gulls (Larus delawarensis) from three Great Lakes colonies will be wing-marked with 12-inch diameter "Saflag" tags. Each colony is represented by a specific color. An attempt is being made to determine the dispersal pattern, migration route, and winter range for each population.

Anyone observing such wing-marked gulls is asked to notify Dr. William E. Southern, Department of Biological Sciences, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115. Please report each observation of marked individuals even though the same bird may be sighted on different days. The following information is desired: date, exact location, color of marker, and observer's name and address. Your assistance in this aspect of the project will be greatly appreciated. Respondents will receive information pertaining to colony locations and date of marking.