

**Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*), Bill Williams River NWR Delta, La Paz County, La Paz County**

This Parasitic Jaeger was photographed by Keith Kamper on 07 September 2022.

Rare

Parasitic Jaeger is a rare, but regular early fall migrant at large lakes, particularly on the Lower Colorado River. There are now more than 20 records from the state - almost all from early-mid-September.

juvenile. Small-headed compared to the other two jaegers. Barring on the upper and under tail coverts was very muted. The bill was intermediate in size between Long-tailed and Pomarine; it appeared slender, light at base, with about 1/3 black. The two central tail feathers extended moderately beyond the rest of the tail and appeared relatively pointed; this extension is very short in Pomarine and longer in Long-tailed. Around 4-5 light-colored primary shafts vs. the typical 2 of Long-tailed Jaeger. Warmer brown tones than the other jaegers. Appeared slightly smaller than the Ring-billed Gulls present.





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