

To date, there have been two reports of Mew Gulls elsewhere in the province, both from Churchill. A single bird was seen near the grain elevator on June 23, 1967.² It was reported to have remained in the area for a few days and was seen by several other observers. The second Churchill sighting comes from Alf H. Rider of Forest, Ontario, (pers. comm., 1976) who carefully observed an adult bird there on June 10 of that year. This bird was seen in the vicinity of the granary ponds and was notably tame. No specimen has been collected and it is not currently listed under irregular occurrence on the field check-list of Manitoba birds.

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²JEHL, J. R. Jr. and SMITH, B. A. 1970. Birds of the Churchill region, Manitoba. Manitoba Mus. and Nat. Hist. Soc. Spec. Pub. 1. Winnipeg. 87 pp.

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IVORY GULL AT CHURCHILL, MANITOBA



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Steve and Josephine Blanich (Box 96, Crosby, Minnesota) observed an Ivory Gull at Churchill daily from June 9 to 12, 1976. In addition, they reported seeing Parula, Jaeger, Long-tailed Jaeger, Glaucous Gull, Herring Gull, Thayer's Gull, Bonaparte Gull and about two dozen Sabine's Gulls, as well as 72 other species. Churchill continues to be a spectacular place to visit to see unusual birds! J. R. Jehl and B. A. Smith (Birds of the Churchill region, Manitoba, 1970) list the Ivory Gull as hypothetical. The colour slide from which the above photo was taken provides evidence of its occurrence at Churchill.