The First Record of Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* for Iriomote Island, Yaeyama

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The Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* is a common pelagic winter visitor to northern Japan as far south as central Honshu. It has also occurred sporadically as far south as northern Kyushu (OSJ 1974), but not apparently south to Okinawa (WBSJ 1982; Okinawa Yacho Kenkyukai 1986). The only published record of a bird south of Kyushu (although much further east) is of one north of Torishima in November 1976 (Hasegawa 1978).

On 3 January 1983, however, Michael Poulsen and I observed an adult Black-legged Kittiwake in Uehara Bay, Iriomotejima. Heavy rainstorms in the previous week may have blown this bird out of its normal range. This record, the first for Iriomotejima, is the southernmost Japanese record.

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