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## Snap Judgment No. 1

Photographed somewhere north of Mexico, this flying gull belongs to a regularly occurring North American species — but which one? The answer, the reasons for the identification, and the name of the photographer will appear in the April 1979 issue of *Continental Birdlife*.

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*Cover photograph:* Plain-capped Starthroat *Helimaster constantii*; third confirmed U.S. record. This individual, which spent six weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, was caught in this stretching pose by W. Graham Metson, Jr., on 25 November 1978.