

If the caption fits . . .

Of the many suggested captions to Mike Weston's photograph of two Black-headed Gulls *Larus ridibundus* (*Brit. Birds* 84: plate 15, repeated here), we enjoyed the following:

'Decent, respectable gulls keep their sexual affairs to the proper season, and are not still wearing summer plumage in January.'

(David Armitage, Hertfordshire)

'One, two . . . oh Hell! I always forget.'

(Nicholas Barlow, West Midlands)

'You mean I'm supposed to eat that!'

(G. M. Buchanan, Lothian)

'I dare you to jump.' (Mrs O. Drake, Devon)

'I know bleeding prumage when I see it. Who was it?!' (R. H. Langdon-Davis, Avon)

'Now do you believe me? Your right foot IS bigger.'

(J. C. Maxwell, Strathclyde)

'I told you posing like that would make it too easy for "Monthly marathon".' (A. Morris, Zimbabwe)

'It's no use sulking—there's no way they'll string you into a Bonaparte's.'

(Nicholas Ostler, Northamptonshire)

'If you really loved me, you'd buy me a ring.'

(Keith Vinicombe, Avon)

Nicholas Barlow's caption prompted our biggest chuckle, so we have awarded him the book prize.

