



Greater Scaup - 17 Mar 1997, CEDAR LAKE - Linn Co ✓

Using a zoom spotting scope set at 25-30x, I observed one male Greater Scaup swimming with 15 to 20 Lesser Scaup at approximately 30 yds from me.

Comparing both species, I noted the overall larger size of the Greater Scaup. The head was larger; crown feathering smoother. The Lesser Scaup showed a more distinct peak or point towards the rear of the crown.

A few minutes elapsed and bird took flight.

On the inner portion of the upperwing, a prominent white stripe that extended almost to the ends of the wings was visible.

The bird was in full view under a clear sky for about 15 minutes.

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