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Dear Mr. Petersen,

While visiting friends yesterday in Davenport, I had occasion to do a little birding. When I was scanning a group of mallards just below Lock and Dam #14 I caught a glimpse of a bird which I cannot definitely identify. My general impression is that it appeared to be a male Oldsquaw in winter plumage. I am wondering if you would be able to tell me if there have been any Oldsquaw seen in the Quad Cities area recently. I am hoping this information could help me decide how much creditability my tentative identification has. Since, this would be a new bird on my life list, I am anxious to hear from you.

Thank You,

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