

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Ross Goose How many? 1Location? Forney L. Fremont Co.Type of habitat? Shallow LakeWhen? date(s): 25 March 1984 time: 10:30 AM to 10:45Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: C. Bendorf, T. Standt, R. Silcock, others

others before or after you: _____

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

" 1/2 size of Snow Geese, short neck, very stubby irregular pointed bill about 1/2 length of Snow Goose bill. Bill seemed to be gray, with maybe a little more dark at the base, a little dark eye in the middle of the head. The bird moved around and consistently appeared small, shorter neck, and definite difference in bill shape." ~~and~~

Similar species and how eliminated: Size and bill eliminate Snow Goose

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Sun behind viewers at about 45°. 150 yds (est) - midlake. 20x scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Twice before in Iowa.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? dictated while viewing this form completed? 6 days

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