

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What Species? ROSS' GOOSE How many? 2
Location? RIVERBNS GMA, FLEMONT CO, IA
Type of Habitat? LAKE; ROOSTING AREA FOR SNOW GEESE
When? date(s)? DEC 28, 1984 time: 10:20 to 10:40 AM
Who? your name and address: ROSS SILCOCK
others with you: JANE GIETSCHER
others before or after you: NONE

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

- ① ADULT-SEEN AT 200 FT ON DIKE, SHELTERING FROM WIND. WITH SNOW GEESE. WHITE GOOSE, NOTICEABLY SMALLER THAN SNOWS; BILL VERY SHORT, TRIANGULAR ON SIDE VIEW, ORANGE TO DARK DRANGE IN COLOR, NO GRINNING PATCH.
- ② ADULT-SEEN WITH SCOPE ON WATER WITH SNOW GEESE; ABOUT 200 YARDS AWAY. BILL SHAPE AS FOR ① ABOVE, MUCH DARKER BILL THAN ①, (PURPLE IN COLOR) NO GRINNING PATCH.

Similar species and how eliminated: SNOW GOOSE (~~SEE~~ - BILL SHAPE, SIZE & COLOR.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: OVERCAST, GOOD LIGHT.

Previous experience with this and similar species: ROSS' GOOSE REG. SPRING & FALL SW. IOWA.

References and persons consulted before writing description: NONE

How long before field notes made?

AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

How long before this form completed?

1 WEEK; FROM FIELD NOTES.