

What species? ROSS' GOOSE How many? 1Location? CORALVILLE RESERVOIRType of habitat? SHORELINE - NEAR WEST OVERLOOKWhen? date(s): 3/2/90 5:30 PM FOR 10 MINUTES
3/4/90 time: 12:10 PM to 12:30 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITY, 52240others with you: RANDY PINKSTONothers before or after you: TOM KENT

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.

THIS BIRD WAS SEEN AT APPROXIMATELY 750 YARDS WITH A GROUP OF 20 CANADA AND 3 WHITE-FRONTED GEESE ON 3/2 AND WITH 10 WHITE FRONTED GEESE ON 3/4. THE BIRD WAS ALL WHITE EXCEPT FOR THE BLACK LINE WHICH REPRESENTS THE BLACK IVING TIP OF THE PRIMARIES. THE FEATURES THAT CAUSED IT TO DIFFER IN SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS FROM THE OTHER GEESE WERE: (1) SMALLER GENERAL SIZE - ALMOST HALF THE SIZE (2) NECK WAS SHORTER (3) LEGS SEEMED SHORTER (4) BILL WAS SMALLER. I COULD NOT SEE A "GRIN PATCH", BUT NEITHER COULD I SEE A DARKER AREA AT THE BASE OF THE BILL AT THAT DISTANCE.

Similar species and how eliminated: SNOW GOOSE - SIZE, NECK AND BILL LENGTH SMALLER THAN WOULD BE EXPECTED IN SNOW GOOSEDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

3/2 - LATE IN EVENING - LIGHT FAILING - LOOKING NW WITH KOWA
TIN-4 20-BOX SCOPE3/4 - GOOD LIGHT IN MIDDLE OF DAY - SAME OPTICS.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

SEEN IN WESTERN IOWA AND IN WESTERN US A NUMBER OF TIMES

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NONEHow long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 2 + DAYS

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