

What species? Ross Goose How many? 1Location? SPRING LAKE PARK CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE COUNTYType of habitat? LARGE GRAVEL PIT PARK WITH many Ducks & GeeseWhen? date(s): April 28 time: 4:30 to 5:00Who? your name and address: DICK BIERMAN 901 HARRIS CHEROKEE IA 51012others with you: —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.

THIS bird came in on its own. IT paired up with a crippled Snow Goose THAT has been at the park for some time.

IT is slightly smaller than the Snow Goose. AT such close range I WAS easily able to see the Greenish rough base of the bill. IT Lacked the Snows Black GRIN on the bill. IT is stubbier and more round headed.

Similar species and how eliminated: 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:

20 yards 7x35 BINOCULARSPrevious experience with species and similar ones: None with Ross GooseReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NATIONAL GEO. Field GuideHow long before field notes made? 10 minutes this form completed? 20 minutes

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