

DC. or Davenport Ct.

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Trumpeter Swan How many? 3

Location? Miss. River along S. Courard St. near Enchanted Island on Davenport IA.

Type of Habitat? Miss. River adjacent shore

When? date(s): Dec. 6 - Dec. 27, 1991 time: various to _____

Who? your name and address: Peter C. Petersen

Others with you: Kelly McKay on Dec. 15 by Warr Nelson, Janet Joyce Darbin, Dawn Fisher

Others before or after you: no

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.

Large, totally white adult swans with neck bands KU 53, 54, 55.
Bill + legs black - bill connecting with eye. Birds are from Wisconsin population at Crex Meadows.

Similar species; how eliminated: Tundra Swan - would have yellow area between eye + bill. In addition these birds were marked + from a known Trumpeter population.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment. seen from about 100 m, good light behind observers

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen all three Nixons swans on many occasions

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs this form completed? 1 week

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).