

Harlequin Duck

CA 1910

High Lake, Emmet Co., IA

W. O. Wolden

Wolden 1930

Record Number: 81-LY

Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Wolden, B.O. 1930. Some old records. Bull. IOU 7:25.

VOTE (1981): 2-III, 1-IV, 3-V, 1-VI

III, no details of plumage.

V, No description -- early fall date suggests that the birds may have been eclipse or partial eclipse molting birds -- possibly Blue-winged Teal.

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### SOME OLD RECORDS

When I was a small boy there were some oddly marked ducks on High Lake early one fall. My older brothers shot a few of them and we had never seen any such ducks before. Years later when I saw illustrations of the Harequin Duck I easily recognized the markings as being the same. They were seen early in the fall, perhaps about Sept. 1st, but I do not know the year. 5

When I was a little older an Albino Coot was shot near High Lake. It was entirely white. It was warm weather and there was no one near who mounted birds and the specimen was not preserved.

In 1911 an American Egret was observed on High Lake during the month of August. It was seen almost every day in a shallow part of the lake. Due to a very dry season, the lake was very low and the bird stayed well out in the lake among the rushes. In the summer of 1926 some kind of a white Heron was reported from a lake in the same neighborhood but I could not find it when I looked for it so it was not identified.

A Surf Scoter was found at Mud Lake on April 25th, 1916. The bird was injured or sick and was taken home but was dead the next morning. The specimen was mounted by C. F. Wolden.

The largest number of Swans seen at one time in this vicinity since early years was seen in April, 1916, when a flock of thirty stayed in the High Lake vicinity for several days. They were a grand sight and aroused much interest.

B. O. Wolden, Estherville.