

Trumpeter Swan
CA 1870
Sac Co., IA
Shelt Tiberghien
Spurrell 1917

Record Number: 93-AO
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Spurrell, J.A. 1917. Annotated list of the water birds, game birds and birds of prey of Sac County Iowa. Wilson Bull. 29:141-160.

VOTE: 2 A-D, 3 NA

A-D, Admittedly, there is no description and the record is secondhand; however, swans are hard to misidentify and the only summer swan would have to be Trumpeter, since there were no Mute Swans in the Midwest at that time and Tundras are unheard of in summer. Spurrell appears to have been a very careful observer and writer. /thk

NA, The absence of description and the secondhand nature of this record is a compelling argument for a N-A vote. /ric

NA, No description of a secondhand report. Spurrell may have been a careful observer but we don't know about Tiberghien./ cjb

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Trumpeter Swan (*Olor buccinator*). Mr. Smith has a fine specimen in his collection, but reported them very rare. Mr. Lee said that he saw swans swimming in Rush lake in nesting season in 1873. Mr. Shelt Tiberghien reported the last swan nesting about 1870.