

Eurasian Wigeon
13 Apr 1972
Rock Creek L., Jasper Co., IA
Mrs. James Maish, Irene Wein
Maish 1972, IBL 61:84

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REFERENCES

Maish, Mrs. J. 1972. European Widgeon in central Iowa. IBL 42:49.

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VOTE: 6 A-D

A-D. Details are sketchy but date is perfect and a bird with "widgeon markings but a red head" sounds pretty good.

A-D. Details sketchy and inadequate, but account nevertheless convincing.

A-D. Very minimal details, but reference to red head and initial similar appearance to a Redhead are convincing to me. Also, bird with Am. Wigeon.

A-D. Description just enough to be convincing. Fact that it was with American Wigeon helps. Red head plus comparison of marks with other wigeons seems good enough to be convincing.

A-D. Date and circumstances suggest wild bird. Sketchy details are adequate for ID--most observers would discover this bird through the same process!

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European Widgeon in Central Iowa. -- On April 13, 1972, Miss Irene Wein and the author were observing ducks on Rock Creek Lake from the northwest shore. While watching a flock of American Widgeon swimming in front of us, Irene noted one which she thought was a Redhead. I looked at it and told her it was just a widgeon, but as I looked again I realized it had the widgeon markings but a red head. We looked in our Peterson's guide and identified it as a male European Widgeon. We were able to observe it for along time and carefully check all the identifying marks. We were especially glad to read in the guide that it suggests upon first acquaintance a Redhead. We were in the area for three hours and kept track of it for the entire time. It was a real thrill to add a new bird to my life list. We went back the following Sunday hoping to show my husband but were unable to locate the bird. - MRS. JAMES MAISH, State Center.