

Trumpeter Swan
10 Apr 1994
Blue L., Monona Co., IA
*Bill Huser, *Peter Ernzen
IBL 64:73; 65:81

Record Number: 94-08
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Bill Huser, 401 E. 14th St., S. Sioux City, NE 68776 [19 Aug 1994]
Peter Ernzen, 401 Taylor, Ida Grove, IA 51445 [19 Aug 1994]

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 64:73
Records Committee: IBL 65:81

VOTE: 4 A-D, 2 A-E, 1 NA

A-D, Origin?

A-E, Sooner or later we need to start addressing the origins of some of these birds. The location of this bird makes it a prime candidate for a record from an established population.

A-E, Agree with Huser's analysis. Pinkish cast to bill makes this a 1st year bird. Head and neck discoloration could be stain. Difficult, but worth calling based on facts presented.

NA, Field marks described appear to describe Trumpeter Swan. Aging of immature plumage helps to substantiate Trumpeter. Distance is pretty long to be able to see eye and feather detail around eye and on upper bill well enough for establishing that this was indeed a Trumpeter Swan. Has this species established a breeding population in the wild and if so has it been established long enough for us to consider adding it to the state list.

A-D, Nothing is out of place for ID as Trumpeter (Huser). Darkish head and neck but white body is right for spring Trumpeter -- probably about 1 year old (Tundra all white at this age).

REVOTE (at meeting, 14 Aug 1994): 7 A-D

Society's Swan Identification Brochure. DEER HUNTING

Notes taken, with bird in view: X later:

Documented: 4/18/94

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DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Swan Sp.

How many? 1

Location? South Blue Lake in Monona County on the 8th of April,
the bird was present until at least the 29th of April.

Type of Habitat? marshy wetland

When? date(s) 4/8/94 until 4/29/94
time, 12:50 pm

time: 1st

Who? your name and address: Peter Ernzen 401 Taylor Ida Grove
IA 51445

Others with you: none

Others before or after you: Bill Huser of South Sioux City Neb.

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 Swan shape, and size. Black legs, black bill, brown
neck, /head white body.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?
If yes, explain: Bill Huser tentatively identified it as an
immature Tumpeter Swan

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured),
optical equipment. Direct viewing was in to the sun, closest
approach was to within an estimated 100 ft, very nervous.
Bushnel 7 x 35.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before notes completed? Immediately