

Harlequin Duck
1886

Hawarden, Sioux Co., IA
Berry
Anderson 1907

Record Number: 81-LV
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907
VOTE (1981): I-III, 2-IV, 3-V, 1-VI
V, few details.

IV, Depends on observer reputation -- in this case, in doubt.

Anderson, 1907
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49. (155). *Histrionicus histrionicus* (Linn.). Harlequin Duck.

The Harlequin Duck is another northern species which occasionally straggles into the Mississippi Valley in winter or during the migrations. It has been taken in winter in Wisconsin and Illinois and as far south as St. Louis, Mo. "Two definite records for Nebraska, I. S. Trostler recording the taking of two specimens on the Missouri River at Omaha, Sept. 16, 1893, and of another at Florence Lake, near Omaha, Sept. 19, 1895" (Rev. Bds. Neb., 29.)

County records: Pottawattamie—"Two Harlequin Ducks were brought to me for identification. They were killed at Big Lake, Pottawattamie county, Sept. 26, 1895" (Trostler). Sioux—"saw a part of a skin—head, skin of one side, and wing—shot at Hawarden in 1886." (Berry). Van Buren—"about eleven years ago a hunter shot three at one shot. This is the only time I ever knew of them being in our locality—Hillsboro" (W. G. Savage).

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DuMont 1933
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Histrionicus histrionicus pacificus Brooks. Western Harlequin Duck

Accidental. Anderson (1907) included this species as a straggler, and listed two definite records for Nebraska by I. S. Trostler who took two specimens on the Missouri River at Omaha, September 16, 1893, and another at Florence Lake, near Omaha, September 19, 1895. These county records were given by Anderson as follows: "Pottawattamie—"Two Harlequin Ducks were brought to me for identification. They were killed at Big Lake, Pottawattamie County, Sept. 26, 1895" (Trostler). . . . Van Buren—"About eleven years ago a hunter shot three at one shot. This is the only time I ever knew of them being in our locality—Hillsboro" (W. G. Savage)." A male Western Harlequin Duck in breeding plumage was shot on the Des Moines River in Polk County, by James R. Harlan, December 27, 1932. The specimen is in the State Historical Museum, Des Moines.

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