

Trumpeter Swan
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Sac Co., IA
Smith collection
Spurrell 1917

Record Number: 93-BE
Classification: A-S

SPECIMEN

Smith collection, Rockwell City [as of 1982]

PHOTOGRAPH

T. H. Kent, of specimen, P-0078

REFERENCES

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.

DuMont 1933

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A-S, The straight culmen, V-shaped feathering at the forehead, and bill pointing to the eye identify the bird as a Trumpeter. Unfortunately, there is no date or specific location and the tag could have been added years later. I take it on faith that Smith did his collecting in Sac County and that this specimen was passed on as part of his original collection. /thk

A-S, Mount still there. May 1993. /jjd



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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.]

Cygnus buccinator Richardson. Trumpeter Swan

Extinct in Iowa. Rather full details of the nesting of this species at Little Twin Lakes, Hancock County, as observed by J. W. Preston, in 1883, are contained in Anderson's list (1907). On March 22, 1904, Preston wrote Anderson as follows: ". . . This was positively *Olor buccinator*. The nest was placed on a large tussock in a marshy slough or creek, and had been used for years by the swans, as I was credibly informed; but the nest mentioned above, so far as I am aware, was the last in that locality. During the earlier days the Trumpeter Swan was not an uncommon summer resident, being occasionally found nesting in some remote and hidden place, and as late as 1875 there were a few pairs known to breed on the headwaters of the Des Moines River." Several county records are given by Anderson. However, there may be some doubt regarding field observations of this species in the eastern part of the state after 1890.

A mounted specimen of the Trumpeter Swan, collected by H. B. Smith in Sac County is now in the Odebolt High School. It was examined by the writer September 3, 1932. It is probably the only Iowa specimen now preserved.]

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