

June 8, 1980

# Documentation

1. Species - Oldsquaw
2. Number 1 ♀ winter plumage
3. Location - George Wyth S.P. - George Wyth Lake.
4. Date: Apr 6-18, 1980
5. Seen Daily Apr. 6-18
6. About the size of a ruddy Duck.  
a white patch surrounding the eye  
Upper body generally a brownish black.  
Had a grayish-brown patch surrounding the upper breast. The beak was grayish-black.  
also had a stiff tail-like ruddy duck.
7. Description of behavior - stayed near shore most of time. Associated mostly with coots or Ruddy Ducks. And ~~do~~ dived more than other living species.
8. Habitat - George Wyth Lake about 10 acres.  
a ~~fairly~~ fairly deep lake, 20 feet in some spots.
9. Similar Species - Ruddy Duck - Has white ~~patch~~ patch confined below eye. and ruddy colored. female is grayish brown. Not as much white as in the Oldsquaw.
10. Distance - as close as 25 or 30 feet on many occasions.
11. Optical Equipment - 7-50 binoculars, Bushnell Spotting scope 20x lens.
12. Light - Was seen in good light many times. ~~in all positions~~ With sunlight <sup>in</sup> all positions.
13. Previous ~~experience~~ <sup>experience</sup> with Species - I have never seen this species before.
14. Other observers: Many people saw it, It was photographed by us and many other observers.

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- 15. Did others agree with identification? Yes. The bird was easily ~~spotted~~<sup>identified</sup> by other observers among other ~~ducks~~ ducks.
- 16. Books - Birds of North America by Robbins, Braun and singer has good description + illustration

Signature - Tom Stone Jr.

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