

DOCUMENTATION FORM  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SIGHTINGS IN IOWA

1994

What species? *Cinnamon Teal* How many? *1*

Location? *Blue Lake in Monona Co.*

Type of habitat? *Lake - 99% ice covered.*

When? date/s *Nov 30 in NW IA.* <sup>3 days after severe winter storm</sup> time: *11:57* to *12:24*

Who? your name and address: *Peter Emge 401 TAYLOR IOWA GROVE*

Others with you: *None*

Others before or after you: *None.*

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

*Small duck about 1/3 smaller than nearby Mallards and Gadwalls. Black to slate bill, dark eye - saw orange eye one time in ideal lighting conditions. White (small) spot at base of bill. General color on head, neck and forward part of belly were a rufous brown not rich red brown of pictures. Middle of belly, mottled feathers, back of ~~belly~~ rump area continuation of brown rump itself was black - brown mottled back feathers where the ~~edges~~ edges of belly met (see drawing) rufous color was a bit ~~more~~ blotchy. Green speculum did not see blue leading edge of wing - Bird at rest on chunk of ice entire time.*

*See drawing & comments* →

Similar species and how eliminated? *Don't know of any.*

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes explain: *No*

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

*Sunny overhead sun conditions 50 (H25.) BUSHNELL FALCON 7x35 357 at 1000  
COATED LENS, BUSHNELL 5x4 ROVER 9x30  
instafocus*

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

*None*

References and persons consulted before writing description: *National Geographic Field Guide to Birds of North America, Bill Huser & Jerry Probst of Sevier City*

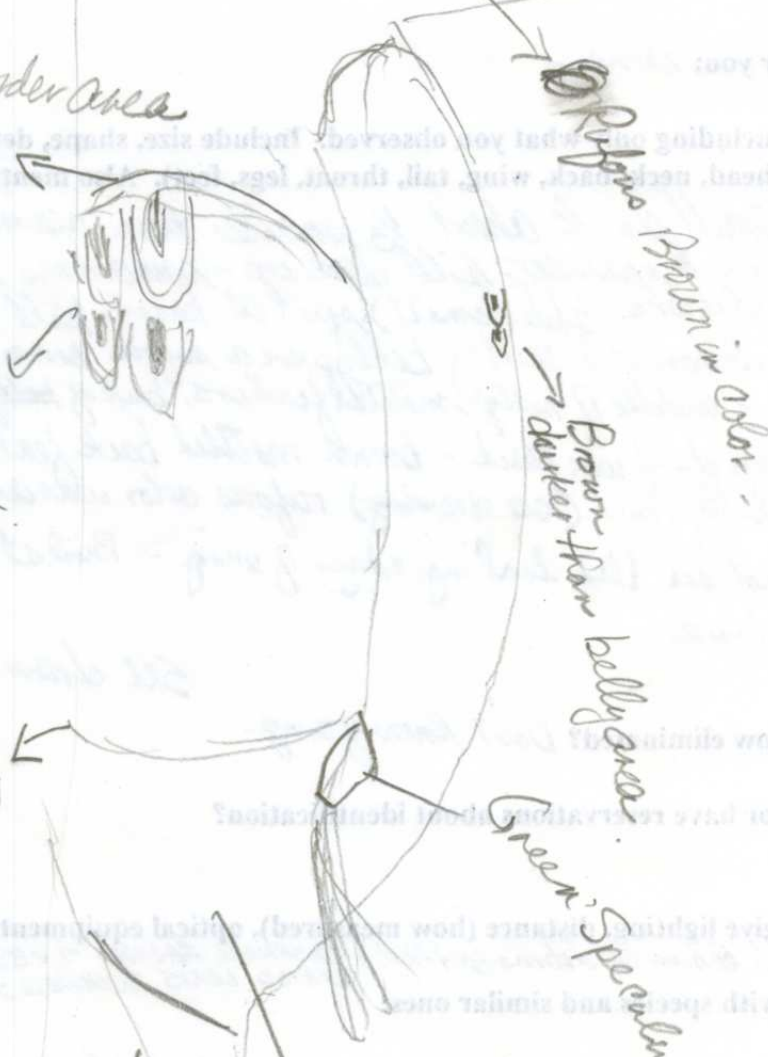
How long before notes completed? *Immediately during and after*

DOCUMENTATION FORM FOR EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SPECIES  
What species? ...  
Location? ...  
Type of habitat? ...  
What dates? ...  
If not your name and address? ...  
Others with you? ...  
Other dates or other years? ...  
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Black Sparrow-like bill

Very small white spot



Blotchy border area not distinct

Purplish brown in color -  
darker than belly area

in color brown areas not sharp appeared to be worn

Blotchy border area not distinct

Greenish

Purplish  
Black