

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? White -Winged Scoter How many? 1Location? Dog Creek 4 miles S.E. of Sutherland Ia.Type of habitat? Small lakeWhen? date(s): Nov. 1 1984 time: 2:40 PM to 3:05 PMWho? your name and address: Marion M. Brewer RR#2 Cherokee, Iowa

others with you: _____

others before or after you: Jim Huber Cherokee, Iowa , Dick Bierman Cherokee

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A dark brown duck, about the same size as a Canvasback that was near it. About 2 in. of white secondary's showing while swimming. A large white spot below and behind the dark eye. Also a smaller white spot in front and below the eye. dark bill. With long sloping forehead that would remind you of a Canvasback. Was diving* and catching small fish.

11-28-84 This bird stayed around till at least the 19'th of Nov. Photographed on the 11'th of Nov. with a 600 MM lens at a distance of 25 yards.

Similar species and how eliminated: NoneDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

Clear day, distance from 100 to 200 yards (estimated) used spotting scope of 15 to 45 power. Was viewed from several spots of the lake.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: None.References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson, Golden, and Audubon Master Guides.How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 3 Hours

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The White-Winged Scoter was seen from 11-1 to at least the ~~22~~ 19'th of Nov.
Was seen by most of our local bird watchers. On Nov. 7 I was able to photograph it
at about 25 yards. I used a 600 mm lens and should have some very good slides from it
which are still in the camera, but if you or anyone is in need of a slide let me
know.

Fall numbers of Blue birds were down from most falls.

We have had an invasion of Pine Siskins in the middle part of Nov.

Fall warbler numbers were down this Fall.

Yours Truly

Marion Brewer