

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Cinnamon Teal How many? 1Location? New Lake near Salix, Woodbury County, IowaType of habitat? small oxbow lake ringed with cattailsWhen? date(s): 7-17-86 time: 1930 to 2000Who? your name and address: BILL HUSER, 319 W. 17th St, S. Sioux City, NE  
others with you: NONE 68776others 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, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

5 ducks seen together, one was much larger & had speculum, showing - an obvious ♀ mallard.

3 of the ducks appeared identical & similar to the ♀ mallard but much smaller. All had obvious dark eyestripes. one on a short flight showed powder blue fore-wings. Quite certainly all female blue-wing teal.

The last duck was quite similar in size to the blue-wings but had the following field marks:

1) unmarked cinnamon-brown head. (not as red as breeding Cinn. teal but quite noticeably cinnamon).

2) red eyes

3) cinnamon & brown interspersed on flanks

4) blue-green speculum.

5) black bill

6) on short flight, showed light-blue forewings mottled with brown. fore-wing blue patch far less obvious than on breeding birds.

Therefore, a male cinnamon teal, approaching eclipse definitely a small surface feeder, eliminates all but teal. Cinnamon coloration & red eyes eliminate other teal.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain:

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

Excellent visibility & light; sun at observer's back

Est. 80 yd range 10x Minolta binocs; 32x Bushnell scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have seen 1 male, last 4-7-86; b.w. teal abundant

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? taken on site this form completed? 16 hr.

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