



(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

CBC Name Spirit Lake, Iowa Date 12/18/93 Compiler Douglas C. Harr  
Observer writing this account & date Douglas C. Harr 12/18/93

SPECIES Black Scoter NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 adult female  
Distance from bird(s) 70-80 yards Relative size of bird larger than nearby Lesser Scaup

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
Basically black (charcoal grey) with off-white cheek, chin and throat (extending onto sides of neck. Rounded head.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES grey bill with NO bulbous base

LEGS & FEET \_\_\_\_\_

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
all uniformly charcoal in color

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)  
charcoal colored

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & trailing edges, etc.) upper surfaces (only parts visible) all charcoal colored

VOCALIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR swimming and feeding (diving--came up with food in bill)

Date of observation 12/18/93 Time 3:45-3:55PM Weather 29°F Sky overcast

Duration of observation 10 minutes Bird - Sun orientation bird to east, sun to west

Exact location NW side of West Okboji Lake, Dickinson County, Iowa

Habitat Open lake Other observers Lee Schoenewe

Optical equipment Kowa 20-60x spotting scope

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS Scoters occasionally sighted in fall on larger lakes of northern Iowa, but decided to report this with supporting details, to assure inclusion in CBC records.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL