

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Greater Scaup How many? one

Location? 2 miles east of Colo (Colo ponds) Story County

Type of habitat? flooded fields

When? date(s): 18 Apr 1983 time: 12 noon to

Who? your name and address: Ted LaGrange, Dept Animal Ecology, ISU Ames

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

Typed by JJDinsmore from notes provided by Ted LaGrange

Observed the bird feeding with about 30 Lesser Scaup. Obtained a good size comparison between it and the Lesser Scaup, especially for the head and bill. The head shape was distinctly more roundish and had green iridescence. White on the primaries extended out to the tip of the wing.

Similar species and how eliminated:

see above

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?

If yes, explain:

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

20-45 power spotting scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? in field this form completed? one month

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