

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species GREATER SCAUP 2. Number 25-30

3. Location LITTLE CLEAR LAKE

4. Date: 4-7-85 5. Time Bird Seen: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

BLUE BEAK, DARK GREEN HEAD, WHITE SIDES, GRAY BACK.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD

8. Description of behavior: RESTING ON THE WATER & DIVING.

9. Habitat - general: LAKE

specific: LITTLE CLEAR LAKE

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8.
Explain: LESSER SCAUP

11. Distance (how measured)? 250 FT. EST.

12. Optical equipment:
36 X SCOPE

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
BRIGHT SUN, CLEAR SKY, SUN ON BIRD & TO MY BACK.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

15. Other observers: NONE

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: PETERSON'S FIELD GUIDE

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
SAME DAY.

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