

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Greater Scaup How many? 2 (1♂, 1♀)Location? Port NealType of habitat? Oxbow Lake with fringe Cattail.When? date(s): June 6, 1982 time: 2:45 to 3:00Who? your name and address: Joe P. Schaufenbuel St. Lucas IA 52166others with you: NAothers before or after you: ?

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.

(male) A distinctly larger and rounder headed Scaup when compared to Lesser directly. Whiter on sides. The head when seen frontally or from behind was much wider. The speculum of white extended well onto the primaries was seen when bird stretched wing.

(Female) A round-headed duck with brownish upper parts and a pale diffuse area at base of bill and on cheek. speculum was white and extended nearly to tip of wing. Was seen accompanied by the male.

Similar species and how eliminated: Lesser Scaup: Bird lacked peaked head, was clear white on sides head rounded and wide. speculum extended to wing tip.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NA

If yes, explain:

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

Excellent viewing conditions. Estimated 750 ft.

Using 45X scope.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: seen three times before

References and persons consulted before writing description: NA

How long before field notes made? at time of sighting this form completed? at time of sighting

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