

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Lesser Scaup X Ring-necked Duck How many? 1 ♂Location? New Lake, Woodbury Co, IAType of habitat? Ox bow Lake surrounded by cattails.When? date(s): June 26 time: 11:45am to 12:05 p.mWho? your name and address: JOE P. Schaufenbuel, St. Lucas IA 52166others with you: NAothers before or after you: NA

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.

Much like Ring-necked Duck but head less peaked. Bill, one color. Neck had distinct maroon or reddish-brown ring. Sides were white with spots of grayish. Lacked distinct white crescent on side of breast. Wings had whitish speculum. Primaries were grayish. Was escorted by a normal/typical ♀ Lesser Scaup.

Similar species and how eliminated: NADid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NA

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
good light conditions; mostly clear day with bird to my NE and sun to south.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Familiar with both *Aythya collaris* and *Aythya affinis* non-hybrids.References and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson's, singer Palmer, Kortwright,How long before field notes made? At time of observation this form completed? July 11

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