

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species: OLDSQUAW 2. Number: 1
3. Location: 1/2 miles south of Cherokee AT The Sewage Lagoon.  
T91-R40-04
4. Date: 4-16-79 5. Time seen: 6 PM to 6:30 PM
6. Description of size, shape, and color: Diving duck shaped, chunky.  
Short bill, round head. Dark brown buffy front with  
A creamy white head and a dark Brown cheek patch.  
Sides were white ALL The way back. Brown on the back.
7. Voice, if heard: None
8. Behavior: Setting in a RATT of Ruddy ducks and Lesser Scaups.
9. Habitat: Sewage Lagoon by Little Sioux River. Lagoon is about  
10 ACRES in size.
10. Similar species: Female Ruddy, Female Bufflehead and  
some of The scaoters.
11. Distance viewed at: 150 yds Optical equipment: 15-60 spotting scope.  
13. Light: Late afternoon AT my back.
14. Previous experience with this species and similar species:  
NONE. ~~but~~ WITH OLDSQUAWS. BUT AM very familiar  
with Ruddies and BUFFLEHEADS.
15. Other observers: MARION BREWER (he made me aware of The bird.  
(This is my verification of his find.)
16. Did others agree: YES 17. Other independent observers:  
NONE
18. Books and advice consulted: Peterson's field guide, Audubon's Guide.
19. How long after seeing this bird did I write this description:  
15 minutes
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