

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species? Oldsquaw

How Many? 1

Location? Lake Manawa, Pottawatamie Co.

Habitat? large lake

Date? 15 March, 1986

Time? 1-2 p.m.

Observers Name and address: Steve Dinsmore 4024 Arkansas Drive Ames, IA 50010

Others who saw bird: Loren and Babs Padelford, Ross Silcock

Description of bird: a small duck, about the size of a Ruddy Duck. Back was dark, sides white. Head was mostly dark with large, white, round patches around the eyes. Bill appeared dark. While under observation, the bird dove continuously and spread its wings before each dive.

Similar species and how eliminated: no other small duck has white "goggles" and so much white on the body.

Viewing conditions and equipment: viewing conditions were good with the sun behind us. The bird was from 100-300 yards away and seen from a 20x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species: I have seen one other Oldsquaw in Iowa plus several in Massachusetts.

References consulted: Nat'l Geo. Society Field Guide to Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made? none

How long before this form was completed? 3 days