

1989 DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? CINNAMON TEAL How many? 2 (MALE + FEMALE)

Location? CONE MARSH - LOUISA COUNTY

Type of habitat? MARSH

When? date(s): 7 APRIL time: 10:35 to 10:50 AM

Who? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, RR#4, IOWA CITY

others with you: _____

others before or after you: PETE PETERSEN

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.

THE TWO CINNAMON TEAL WERE STANDING ON A LOG AT THE EDGE OF THE MARSH, WITH BLUE-WINGED TEAL AND COOTS NEARBY. THESE BIRDS' APPEARED THE SAME SIZE AS THE BLUE-WINGED, BUT THE FEMALE CINNAMON APPEARED SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN THE MALE. THE MALE WAS A VERY RICH REDDISH BROWN COLOR ON ENTIRE HEAD, NECK, AND BODY, WITH A LIGHT BLUE LINE SEEN ALONG SIDE. SPECULUM WAS NOT VISIBLE. BILL WAS DARK AND SEEMED LARGER IN COMPARISON TO THE BLUE-WINGED, AND HEAD ALSO SEEMED LARGER. LEGS WERE A YELLOWISH COLOR. FEMALE LOOKED MUCH LIKE BLUE-WINGED AND ALS HAD A LIGHT BLUE HORIZONTAL LINE ON BODY. BEFORE LOOKING AT THE FIELD GUIDE, I HAD CHARACTERIZED THE FEMALE AS A RICHER BROWN, COMPARED TO THE BLUE WINGED FEMALE, AND THAT IS EXACTLY HOW THE NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC DESCRIBES IT. I COULD NOT GET THE EYE COLOR OF MALE.

Similar species and how eliminated: BLUE WINGED TEAL + GARGANEY HAVE DIFFERENT COLOR + FACE PATTERNS + GREEN WINGED TEAL HAS ALSO DIFFERING BODY MARKINGS + COLOR

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
200 YARDS KONA TSN SCOPE 20x60x ZOOM
SKY CLEAR, LOOKING NORTH

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN OFTEN IN THE WEST

References and persons consulted before writing description: NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 8 HOURS

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