

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Wood Ducks 2. Number: 386  
 3. Location Beaver ponds, near Lakeview Parking Lot, Saylonville  
 4. Date: 10/6/84 5. Time Bird seen: dusk to \_\_\_\_\_

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior:

9. Habitat - general: string of beaver ponds, from lake shore to bluffs - about 1/4 mile  
 specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)?

12. Optical equipment:

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

15. Other observers:

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

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*The woodies congregate here each fall, but this is by far the largest number I've yet seen; they stream in in small & large flocks for about 1/2 hour around sundown. On 10/20 (over) the duck season opened), there was still over 290.*