

# Black Scoter

December 20, 1986

1:35 - 1:40 p.m.

Hamburg Exit of I-29, Fremont County

Size:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times size of Ruddy Duck in direct comparison  
approx. same size as Greater Scaup in direct compar.

Description: Crown and nape blackish-brown. White cheek and foreneck. Line of demarcation between whitish cheek & dark crown & hindneck sharp & clear. Bill dark, not as bulbous as other scoters; more "duck-like". Back, wings all dull dark brown, not as dark as crown.

Distance: 150 yards

Equipment: 25x scope; 20x scope

Sky: overcast

Others: Babe & Loren Padelford, Jerry Tall, Ross Silcock  
Barbara Wilson

Other species: White-winged & Surf Scoters eliminated  
by head pattern described above.

Description written from notes taken at time of sighting

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