

What species? Greater Scaup How many? 1 ♂Location? DuPont Bridge Rd., Conestoga Res., Johnson Co. IAType of habitat? backwaterWhen? date(s): 23 Mar 1986 time: 9<sup>45</sup> to 10<sup>00</sup> a.m.Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52240others with you: none

others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Among 100 scaup, I picked out a larger one with thicker head. This bird was consistently larger than all other scaup in same field. Bill was larger than Lesser with distinctly larger bill nail. Angle of bill with forehead less than for Lessers. Head large and consistently rounded and green. Back darker than Lessers. Sides white. Bird was preening much of the time and exposed white wing stripe extending almost to the tip of the primaries. One, when feeding away, it raised both wings exposing the long wing stripes that extended well out onto primaries.

Similar species and how eliminated: All features that I look for on male Greater Scaup were seen well over 15 minutes.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? —

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:  
 Sun behind viewer, 20x scope from car window, ~~at~~ 40 yards.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: usually find one or more in Iowa each year.

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 1 1/2 hrs this form completed? 1 1/2 hrs

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