

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species White-winged Scoter 2. Number: one
3. Location Big Creek State Park
4. Date: November 23, 1985 5. Time Bird seen: 1:15 to 1:30 PM

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):
nearby Ring-necked Duck, all black including body, head, bill, feet and bill. White spot at rear of bird on each side. Bill flaired at base.



7. Description of voice, if heard: Not heard

8. Description of behavior: Head tucked into body, occasionally lifted head

9. Habitat - general: lake
specific:

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

11. Distance (how measured)? 100 yards (guess)

12. Optical equipment:

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
25x Bushnell scope
sun Behind and to the west, partly cloudy, clear view

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

15. Other observers: Francis Moore, Steve Dinsmore, Bob Meyer

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Above named

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
Matched picture of immature in National Geographic Guide

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

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