

Black Duck

April 7, 1980

Willow Slough, Mills County, Iowa

Description: Darker than ♀ Mallard. Head + neck paler than body. Bulkier, bigger than Mallards with it. Not hard to pick out among them. Bill darker than ♂ Mallards + not orange, but I can't tell the color. Tail not white like ♀ Mallard.

Similar species: Darker than most dabbling duck ♀'s.
Similar to Mallard.

Light, etc. Sunny, later lightly overcast. Wind moderate w/strong gusts from west. 2:55 - 3:15 pm. Bird ~~was~~ east of me on the far edge of the slough. (Not over + this year almost certainly less than 2000 feet - probably much less). 40x telescope. No books used. Written May 26 from notes taken in the field

I've seen Black Ducks before, here + more often in Michigan.

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