

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? White-winged Greeter How many? 3
Location? Saylorville Res, Cherry Glen boat access, Polk Co, IA
Type of Habitat? Large Reservoir.
When? date(s): 13 Nov 1987 time: about 4 p.m.
Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA
Others 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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

I was driving down to parking lot at Cherry Glen and saw 3 large, heavy bodied dark ducks coming up the south shore and overhead. I thought they looked different enough to stop the car and get out. They were all dark with some gray in belly. As they went by I could see knobby bill and as they passed, I saw that the upperparts were all black except for rectangular white patches in the inner secondaries.

Similar species; how eliminated:

No other duck is all dark with white wing patches.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
overcast, 20 yds when overhead. 10x binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen many, some in Iowa.

References and persons consulted before writing description:
none

How long before field notes made? _____ this form completed? 1 hr.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).