

DETAILS OF UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING

SPECIES: Cinnamon teal

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DATE: April 16, 1991 (10:17-10:32 AM)

LOCATION: Colo Ponds, Story County

DETAILS: A male cinnamon teal had been reported for several days to be present at this location by Hank Zalatel and Mark Proescholdt. I found the bird on the east side of the road rather than the west, as they had reported. It was in a marshy area quite far back in the field, and observable only from a hill on the road to the north, a distance of about 200 yards. I used a Kowa TSN4 telescope with window mount and was looking toward the southeast on a partly cloudy day. There were no other waterfowl present near this bird to compare the size. It was a reddish brown color over most of its body, head, and neck. I could see a light horizontal separation of the body from the darker wing and back. The bill was relatively large, and appeared to be shaped like the bill of a mallard.