

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species Oldsquaw (*Clangula hyemalis*) How many? 1  
 Location? Near Southern shore of Redrock Res. 1/4 mile E. of Hwy 14 Bridge over the Reservoir.  
 Type of habitat? Open water 50m from shore.  
 When? date(s): 3 March 1991 Time: 2:30 pm  
 Who? your name and address Dick Schmitz, 221 S. Maple, Ames, IA  
 Others with you Donna Schmitz  
 Others before and after you —

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior.

Observed single bird among group of common goldeneyes & Ring-necked ducks. Entire group had approx. 150 individuals. Many birds within the group (including oldsquaw) were observed diving. Field marks easily observed & matched the illustration in field guide for male in winter plumage (Nat. Geog. field guide). Dark breast, dark ear patch & long tail were conspicuous.

Similar species and how eliminated: Very distinctive field marks - no need to eliminate among species.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No  
 If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Bright light & < 5% cloud cover. We were approx 100m. (estimate) from bird when we identified it. Observed @ approx 30X with a 15-60x Bosch & Lomb spotting scope (Discoverer)

Previous experience with this species and similar ones: Both Donna & I had frequently observed this species during the past 2 years (winter) on Lake Ontario in Oswego, N.Y.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Field guide to the Birds - National Geographic Society

How long before field notes made? No field notes.  
 this form completed? 2 days

Mail original form to field editor for this season.