

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Black Scoter How many? 1 immLocation? Coralville Res., above dam, Johnson Co. IAType of habitat? ReservoirWhen? date(s): 2 Nov 1986 time: 1:15 to 1:30 ~ 3:00 - 3:30Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52240others with you: Tom Staudt, Bernie + Cal Knight, Carol Thompson, Jim Fuller

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

An all dark duck slightly smaller than Redheads it was with. Gray-white face patch below eye line extending down neck in front. Top of head and back of neck nearly black. Belly black-brown. Stubby tail sticks up from water at 30° angle. Bill dark and thin at tip, wider and lighter at base. Light belly seen when bird raised out of water.

Similar species and how eliminated: Reddy Duck - too large and dark. Other Scoters - too small, no white in wing, face-patch that of Black Scoter.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
100-200 yards with sun behind viewers, 20-60x scopes.Previous experience with species and similar ones: have seen these in Iowa.References and persons consulted before writing description: N6 GuideHow long before field notes made? While viewing this form completed? 1 hr.

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