

What species? Black Scoter How many? 1

Location? 50 ft. off Jester State Park South End - Saylorville Reservoir

Type of Habitat? water

When? date(s): 4-9-89 time: 4:30 to 5:00 PM

Who? your name and address: Andrew S. Fix 153-C University Village Ames IA

Others with you: Ann Johnson was there at the same time

Others before or after you: Bery E. before; S. Dinsman after

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.

Heavy bodied black (solid) duck with prominent bright orange bill with knot at base of cere. Bird was observed for approx. 30 mins at a distance of 30-75 ft in excellent late afternoon light coming from behind.

Photo enclosed for documentation

Similar species; how eliminated: Other breeding plumage male scoters have characteristic white markings on head. Coots have a white bill; moorhens have white along the side

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

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

20x Bushnell scope good afternoon light

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Observed species several times in Great Lakes area

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? None made this form completed? 2 weeks

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