

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? WHITE-WINGED SCOTER How many? 85
Location? SANBORN, IOWA
Type of Habitat? WASTE DISPOSAL PONDS
When? date(s): 4/25/98 time: 9:30^{AM}₁₀ 9:45^{AM}
Who? your name and address: ROBERT GRUENEWALD - BOX 118 - SANBORN, IA.
Others with you: NONE 51248
Others before or after you: NONE

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.

THESE BIRDS LANDED ON THE POND IN PLAIN VIEW. THE WHITE-WING PATCHES IN GOOD VIEW WHILE LANDING. IT REST THE PROTUBERANCE ON THE BILL OBVIOUS, WHITE HEAD MARKINGS OBVIOUS ON ALL DARK BODIES. ABOUT MALLARD SIZE. THESE BIRDS WERE IN GOOD LIGHT FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES, THE COUNT WAS A QUICK COUNT, NOT MUCH TIME AND THEY FLEW AWAY TOWARD THE NORTHWEST.

Similar species; how eliminated:

NO OTHER SCOTER SPECIES HAVE WHITE WING PATCHES, AND DO NOT OCCUR IN THIS AREA, TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

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

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

BRIGHT SUN, VIEWED FROM THE EAST SIDE, 300 FEET, BINOCULARS.

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

THIS SPECIES ALSO WAS SEEN HERE IN 1997

References and persons consulted before writing description:

GUIDE TO FIELD IDENTIFICATION, BIRDS OF N.A. (CHANDLER) GOLDEN PRESS

How long before field notes made? 1 HOUR this form completed? 6/8/98

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