

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Oidemia nigra = Common Scoter How many? 2
Location? Rothbun Lake just off face of Rothbun Dam
Type of Habitat? Lake on Rock face of Dam
When? date(s): 15 December 1990 time: 0730 AM to 0734 AM
Who? your name and address: Paul A. Egeland RFD 3 Centerville, Iowa
Others with you: Deb Egeland and Ray Cummins
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.

white cheeked until below eye
back nape of head darker than back
No white body markings
Tail beyond wings
They were divers.
Black beak
Decurved bill
No white in wing
All Black in flight (Black Above and Black Below)

Similar species; how eliminated:

Consulted "Birds of North America" after
by Chandler S. Robbins, etc.
Field notes were taken.

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

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

Cloudy but good light | estimated at 50 yards with 7x35 binoculars
Bushnell

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

None

References and persons consulted before writing description: Ray Cummins, only.

How long before field notes made? At time this form completed? 2100 hrs 15 Dec 90

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