

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Cinnamon Teal How many? 1 MaleLocation? Riverton Wildlife Management AreaType of habitat? Flooded river bottom. Bird were in ditch next to dike.When? date(s): March 17, ~~1983~~ 1984 time: 4:30 to 4:45 PMWho? your name and address: ERwin E. Klaasothers with you: George and Shirley Karasothers before or after you: Ray Alisauskas, John Hagemann

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.

~~The~~ Cinnamon Teal was with a group of 6 Blue-winged Teal and a possible hybrid Blue-winged x ~~Cinnamon~~ Cinnamon. About 30 other Blue-wings were nearby.

The Cinnamon Teal was unmistakable being in full male breeding plumage and lacking the white crescent on the face, ^{and the white mark near the} Body plumage ^{rump.} was bright cinnamon ~~at~~ in contrast to the brown mottled appearance of the accompanying male Blue-wings.

~~The~~ ^{other} One bird with the group was possibly a hybrid having the bright cinnamonaceous plumage along the sides but the back was similar to a typical Blue-wing. The head was also cinnamon ~~to~~ but had a faint white crescent on the face. I did not see a white mark near the rump.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Blue-wing males were seen with it.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Cloudy Bright, Estimated 40 ft., 7 x 35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description: Field guide - RobbinsHow long before field notes made? 30 min. this form completed? 48 hours

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