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DOCUMENTATION FORM  
Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

Species Surf Scoter  
Location Badger Creek Lake - West Arm  
Habitat Shallow Lake  
Date(s) October 11 (Early) Time 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.  
Name and Address Eloise Armstrong - Booneville, IA.  
Other observers Eugene Armstrong - Mark Dixon

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 behavior and voice.

Scoter Shape - Spotted head - Dark coloration. No white on wings when bird raised up from water. ~~and~~  
Flapped wings several times while we were observing it. Spots on head appeared to be vertical when first spotted.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Other Scoters

2 white vertical spots on head - No white on wings

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Rainy - est. distant 40 Rods 7X35 Bushnell Binocs  
20 power Bushnell Scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Have seen several in the past 4 or 5 years.

References and persons consulted before writing description: Checked Robbins Guide for Sure I.D. and Eugene

How long before field notes made? 1 day. How long before this form

completed? 1 day