

Barb Wilson

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White-winged Scoter 1 Nov. 6, 13, 1984
Willow Slough, Mills County, Iowa

Description: Large dark duck, dark brown rather than black. Bill dark. Feet dark. Light patch behind eye & another at base of bill. Depending on the way it folded its wing, sometimes I could see white on ~~the~~ it as the bird floated. Longer than canvas back.

Similar species: large size + dark color limits possibilities to Scoters. Two light patches on ~~eye~~ face eliminates Black Scoter. White patch in wing limits it to White-winged

Viewing Conditions: On ~~the~~ Nov. 6, the Scoter was near the West side of the Slough, where I was. Identifiable with 8x binocs much of the time, but I had a 20x scope, too. Main challenge was to find the Scoter ~~between~~ between dives. Late afternoon, & finally the light went. ~~On~~ Nov 13 the Scoter was further away. 20x Scope. Afternoon. Bird east of me.

John + Jeanne - Marie Bakehouse saw the scoter Nov 6 with me. They agreed with identification.

Notes: ~~the~~ ~~about~~
~~the~~ About ~~the~~ the time
I saw this bird the first
time, 3 were seen in the Omaha
area.

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Written from notes taken at the time, mostly Nov. 6.