

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Greater Scaup 2. Number 5[♂], 3[♀]
 3. Location Iowa Power + ~~the~~ Light Settling ponds.
 4. Date: 12 March 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: ± 10:00 am.
morning to
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

All the same size. Greenish gloss on head I think. Sides white. Head rounded, except one - square.

10. Lesser Scaup has square to slightly crested head.

~~7.~~ Description of voice, if heard:

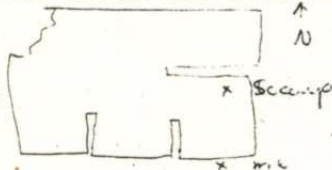
~~8.~~ Description of behavior:

9. Habitat - general: Large pond.

specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Pond:



11. Distance (how measured)?

12. Optical equipment: 40x scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
Bird north of me. Bright sunlight!

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
I was beginning to learn about them by now.

15. Other observers: None today. Seen independently by several including

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Padelford + BJ Rose

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? Some day, probably an hour or so later
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