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Verifying Documentation of an Extraordinary Sight Record.

1. Species: BLACK DUCK
2. Number: 1
3. Location: FORNEY LAKE?, FREMONT CO., IOWA
4. Date: Nov 16
5. Time Seen: 10:15 am to 10:45 am.
6. Description: As observed through the scope, the bird appeared two-toned, with a light head (brownish) and a darker brown body.
7. Voice: NOT HEARD
8. Behaviour: SWIMMING WITH MALLARDS, BUT NOT SEEN TO BE FEEDING.
9. Habitat: FORNEY LAKE IS A WETLAND AREA AND SMALL LAKE OF ABOUT 5 ACRES WHICH ATTRACTS NUMEROUS WATERFOWL IN SPRING AND FALL.
10. THE ONLY SIMILARLY -APPEARING SPECIES REMOTELY POSSIBLE HERE WOULD BE THE MOTTLED DUCK, WHICH I HAVE SEEN IN LOUISIANA/  
THE MOTTLED DUCK HAS A MUCH CLEANER)CUT APPEARANCE THAN THE BLACK DUCK AND IF AT ALL TO BE EXPECTED?, WOULD BE MORE LIKELY IN SPRING.
11. Distance: ESTIMATED 300 YARDS
12. Optical Equipment: BALSCOPE SR 20-45X SCOPE
13. Light: SUN HIGH AND TO MY RIGHT/ LIGHT ON BIRD VERY GOOD.
14. Previous experience: FAMILIAR WITH THE BLACK DUCK FROM LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA 3 YEARS. MOTTLED DUCK: SEE ABOVE.
15. Other Observers: NONE.
16. 17. NOT APPLICABLE.
18. NO BOOKS CONSULTED.

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