

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?Oldsquaw

How Many?1 female

Location?Saylorville Reservoir, Polk Co.

Habitat?large lake

Date?10 Nov 1986

Time?3:45-3:55 P.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:A medium-sized, mostly white duck, about the size of a nearby Lesser Scaup. The head was white except for a darker smudge on top of the head. The back was light brown. The chest and sides were white. The bill was dark.

Similar species and how eliminated:No other duck shows this color pattern.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were good with sun behind me. Estimated viewing distance was 100-125 yards. I used a Buschnell 20-45x spotting scope.

Previous experience with species:I have seen two other Oldsquaw in Iowa, plus several in Massachusetts.

References consulted:NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?3 days