

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? ANAS CYANOPTERA (Cinnamon Teal) How many? 2Location? SEC. 29 T68N R43W FREMONT Co.Type of habitat? FLOODED ROADSIDE DITCHWhen? date(s): 5 APRIL 83 time: 1230 to 1300Who? your name and address: SUSAN E. DAVIS DEPT. ANIMAL ECOLOGY
others with you: 124 SCIENCE II
others before or after you: ISU AMES, IA 50011

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 voice and behavior.

SMALL DUCKS, SIZE AND SHAPE OF TEAL.

♂: BILL DARK; EYE RED; HEAD, NECK, BREAST, SIDES, AND FLANKS REDDISH-BROWN. BACK MOTTLED DARK BROWN.

♀: BILL DARK; EYE DARK; ALL BODY PARTS MOTTLED BROWN, UPPER PARTS DARKER.

OBSERVED PAIR SWIMMING TOGETHER, KEEPING DISTANCE OF 3-4M FROM BLUE-WINGED TEAL (2♂ 1♀); SWIMMING EITHER SIDE BY SIDE OR WITH ♂ CLOSELY FOLLOWING ♀. FEEDING (DABBING) TOGETHER APART FROM BLUE-WINGS 3-4M.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
OVERCAST - OBSERVED FROM ESTIMATED DISTANCE OF ~4M

7X50 BUSHNELL BINOCULARS

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

MARCH 1979, STA. ANA NATL WILDLIFE REFUGE, TEXAS.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, ROBBINS ET AL,

How long before field notes made? NOTES MADE AT this form completed? < 1 MONTH

TIME OF SIGHTING

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