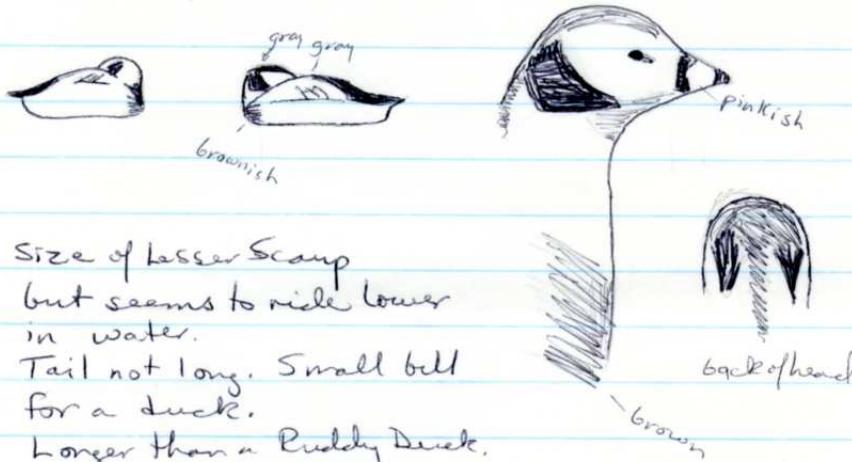


Documentation

Old squaw - 1

March 22, 1982

Willow Slough Public Hunting Area, Mills County, Iowa
about 3:25 to 3:58 pm CST.



Size of Lesser Scaup
but seems to ride lower
in water.
Tail not long. Small bill
for a duck.
Longer than a Ruddy Duck.

Behavior: slept, with Scaup + Ring-necked Ducks.

when it finally woke up, it swam, often lowering its head
+ raising up its tail end.

Similar species: had a faint resemblance to a Bufflehead
while sleeping. Really too odd to be anything else.

Light, etc. Sunny, no wind. Bird N.N.E. of me. Some heat shimmer.
I got about half way from spillway to NW corner of lake.
The bird was near the north dike. When it woke, it swam
closer. 20x telescope, no bird book.

I never saw an Old squaw before.

Description: Written + drawn while I saw the bird.

I traced the pictures here. Little written description; the
pattern was strange enough it was hard to put words
to it.

No other observers - I called the people in Omaha + they come
the next day + couldn't find it.

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