

Dec 20, 1986  
Tristate Count

Black Scoter - 1  
Hamburg, Iowa

Very dark duck who dove. Size like or a bit smaller than a Greater Scaup with it. Body dark. Crown + nape very dark. Sides of face light, probably gray. Belly lighter, an off-white.

Similar species: The head pattern seem to eliminate all ducks but Ruddy Duck which is clearly eliminated by size

150 -  
Viewing conditions: 200 yards away, S or SW of us. Overcast. Misty but that didn't interfere at the distance involved. 20x Scope. Seen with G. Scaup + Ruddy Duck. Took notes at the time. Also seen by Ross Silcock, Jane Gatscher, Tanya Bray, Babs + Loren Padelford, Jerry Toll. All agreed.

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