

## DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species            How many?    **BLACK SCOTER - 1 FEMALE**  
 Location?    **WEST LAKE OKOBOJI, DICKINSON CO-**  
 Type of habitat?    **OPEN WATER**  
 When? date(s): **12/18/93** Time:    **3:45 PM - 3:55 PM**  
 Who? your name and address  
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Others with you    **DOUG HARR**

Others before and after you    **NONE**

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. **OBSERVED A DIVING DUCK FEEDING W/ A PAIR OF LESTER SCAUP. THE BIRD WAS SLIGHTLY LARGER AND CARRIED ITS HEAD ERECT AND PERPENDICULAR TO THE WATER. THE BODY WAS LOW SLUNG IN THE WATER AND LONGER W/ THE TAIL FLAT ON THE WATER. THE HEAD HAD A DARK CROWN AND DARK DOWN THE BACK OF THE NECK WHICH CONTRASTED W/ THE WHITE CHEEK PATCH AND THROAT. THE BODY WAS DARK AND THE BILL LACKED A KNOB**

Similar species and how eliminated:

• **RUDDY DUCK - CARBAGE OF HEAD, BILL SHAPE AND LONGER BODY**

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? **NO**

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: **OVERCAST 100-150 YDS**

**8X40 BINOCULARS AND 20-60X KOWA SCOPE**

Previous experience with this species and similar ones: **DOUG HAD SEEN BLACK WHITE WINGED SCOTERS ON 2 PRIOR OCCASIONS / SCOTER PRIOR ON COAST**

References and persons consulted before writing description:

**PETERSON AND NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC FIELD GUIDES**

How long before field notes made? **IMMEDIATELY**

this form completed? **24 HOURS**

Mail original form to field editor for this season.