

White-winged Scoter - 1

Coralville Reservoir, Iowa

23 Oct 1983

Description: Black duck seen swimming on the surface + in flight. Black above + below. Secondaries white. White patch near eye. Bill rather long. Base thick + pale.

Similar species: Differs from most ducks by black color, + from other scoters by white in wings + around eye.

Viewing conditions: Seen about 2:10 pm. I believe we were looking east + NE, but am not really familiar with the area. Overcast. Bird maybe 150 yds away. 20x scope + 8x binoculars. Good viewing conditions. Probably no field guide.

Other observers: Tanya Bray, Ross Silcock, others. We came expecting to see - or anyway hoping to see - this bird that Ross had seen earlier.

Written 29 Nov. 1983 from notes taken at the time.

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