

## AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Greater Scaup 2. Number 1  
 3. Location Lock 14 Scott Co IA  
 4. Date: 2 Jan 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 11<sup>00</sup> to 11<sup>05</sup> AM approx

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

A dark scaup seen with light behind dark or just to side. Bird had definite low profile (rounded head) - no crest at any time. Bill appeared dark and broad. Bird had light sides and no neck marks, but otherwise color poorly seen. Only could tell that it was a male scaup. Identification based entirely on head profile which was well seen over a period of several minutes.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NA

8. Description of behavior: Actively feeding - diving at us

9. Habitat - general: River below dam

specific: Mississippi River at Lock 14, Iowa side

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
Lesser Scaup.

11. Distance (how measured)?

100 yards (guess)

12. Optical equipment:

Quinton telescope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

clear, sun almost behind bird

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Have seen several per year for the last 3 years in Iowa

15. Other observers: Bill Kent

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes, but inexperienced

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

none

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

1/2 took down notes, 5 hours final

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Date: 2 Jan 1981 City, State: Iowa City IA