

## DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Greater Scaup How many? 3 ♀Location? Montrose, Lee Co. - Keokuk poolType of habitat? Mississippi poolWhen? date(s): 20 Nov 1983 time: 9<sup>50</sup> to 10<sup>20</sup>Who? your name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St, Iowa City IA 52240others with you: Carl Bendorf, Tom Staudt

others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Noted bird flying in over larger raft of lessers - larger than a few near by flying lessers & as it landed Staudt and I saw long white wing stripe. Watched on water at close range for ~~two~~ minutes. Head with large bill and little angle between bill & forehead. Back of head round. Head shape quite different from lessers seen at times in same field. Bird definitely larger & head larger than all lessers. This bird had small white face patch and no lighter area behind eye. Another bird seen in last few minutes that was similar on water, but had large white face patch and lighter area behind eye. A third bird seen within a few feet of shore 1/4 mile north. Same head and size as 2nd bird. This bird was flushed and long wing stripe seen in contrast to lessers flushed at same time.

Similar species and how eliminated: lesser scaup - see aboveDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: Overcast. 8x binocs + 20x scope. 30-75 yds (est).Previous experience with species and similar ones: many studied.References and persons consulted before writing description: Look at National Geographic guide while writing.How long before field notes made? 5 hours this form completed? same

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