

What species? SURF SCOTER How many? 1Location? VENTURA MARSH PART OF CLEAR LAKEType of habitat? SHALLOW LAKEWhen? date(s): 5-21-88 time: 6:45 to 7:30Who? your name and address: JERRY PROBSTothers with you: BOB + WAYNE LIVERMORE OTHER IOU MEMBERS LATERothers before or after you: YES

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.

DARK DUCK-LIKE DIVING BIRD WITH SOME COOTS,

NOTED : WHITE PATCH ON NAPE + FOREHEAD, OTHER WISE
UNIFORM BLACK BODY,

BILL ORANGE AND; WHITE AND BLACK SPOT IN WHITE NEAR BASE,
WHITE EYE SET HIGH ON HEAD,
SLOPING BILL AND HEAD,

DIDN'T SEE LEGS. DOVE SEVERAL TIMES. DIDN'T HEAR ANY
SOUNDS EMITTED BY THE BIRD.

Similar species and how eliminated: OBVIOUSLY A MATURE ♂ SURF SCOTERDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

WE PARKED ON EAST SIDE OF MARSH, EXCELLENT LIGHT, APPROX 30 FEET
BUSHNELL AUDUBON BINOC 10X40, ALSO USED B+L DISCOVERER SPOTTING SCOPE 15-60X60

Previous experience with species and similar ones: NONEReferences and persons consulted before writing description: N & Field GuideHow long before field notes made? 5 days this form completed? 5-26-88

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