

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What Species? GREATER SCAUP How many? 3
Location? RIVERTON GMA, FREMONT CO, IA
Type of Habitat? LAKE
When? date(s)? DEC 28, 1984 time: 10:20 to 10:40 AM
Who? your name and address: ROSS SILCOCK
others with you: JOYCE GETSCHER
others before or after you: NONE

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

3 MALES - ^{UNMARKED} OBVIOUS SCAUP (BLUE BILLS, NO WHITE SHOULDER MARK A LA RINGNECK), BILLS LARGE, NOTICEABLE BLACK NAIL. ~~THE~~ CROWNS ROUNDED; SIZE OF BIRDS CLOSE TO MALLARD SIZE (SEVERAL NEARBY). ID AS GR. SCAUP ON THESE CHARACTERS, BUT CONFIRMED WHEN BIRDS FLEW AND DISPLAYED VERY OBVIOUS WHITE WING STRIPE EXTENDING TO OUTER PRIMARIES.

Similar species and how eliminated:

LESSER SCAUP, RINGNECKED DUCK (SEE ABOVE)

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about the identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: OVERCAST; GOOD LIGHT

Previous experience with this and similar species:

SEEN SEVERAL TIMES

References and persons consulted before writing description:

NONE

How long before field notes made?

AT TIME OF OBSERVATION

How long before this form completed?

1 WEEK; FROM FIELD NOTES