

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Red necked Phalarope How many? 1Location? Little pond 1/4 m No. of Lake ViewType of habitat? Shed water in a pasture by a creekWhen? date(s): 4-26-96 time: 10:30 to 1:30Who? your name and address: Rob Thelen 1744 Salingou Carroll, IA.others with you: Noneothers before or after you: Marty Thelen (After)

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.

Was watching shorebirds when I notice 3 phalaropes along the south side of shed water. I notice 2 were Wilson's. The 3rd one looked different. This bird had a dark back, a shorter dark bill, black eye strip, white belly and throat. This bird was about 75 to 80 percent the size of the 2 Wilson's. After watching this bird for app. 15 min. The phalarope walked up on shore and I notice it had dark legs. After looking in Field guide I decided it had to be a red necked phalarope in winter plumage.

Similar species and how eliminated: IT was smaller than Wilson's had dark legs + dark back, short billDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
cloudy, 30 yds estimated, discover spotting scope
Wind River 8x42 bino.Previous experience with species and similar ones: Seen app. 125 Wilson's on same day I saw a Lake View in 1995

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Golden Field GuideHow long before field notes made? 5 mins this form completed? 6-2-96MAIL TO: T. H. Kent, Field Reports Editor, 211 Richards Street, Iowa City IA 52240