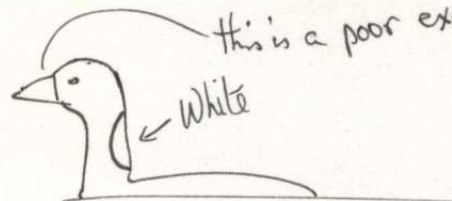


DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Surf Scoter Subadult male How many? 1Location? Ventura MarshType of habitat? although its called a Marsh, this end is a lake + near the bird (at times) were a few diving ducks.When? date(s): 5/21 + 5/22/88 time: ca 7AM to Who? your name and address: Rick Hollis 3351 Lower West Branch Rd, Iowa City IA 52245others with you: many - esp. Carol Thompson, IA City + Barb Wilsonothers before or after you: many - most people who attended the Spring IOV meeting

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.

Large mostly black duck

Large bill - bright orange ~~white~~ with white spotsWhite spot on nape of neck
white eye or eye ring

this is a poor excuse for the duck's bill

Similar species and how eliminated:

part color bill \Rightarrow eliminate all other N. Amer. waterbirds
 white nape spot \Rightarrow

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NoIf yes, explain: NoViewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
50-100' minimum with light behind me for best view - bright sun (est) \Rightarrow 7x35 binocs

2nd best view: overcast, est 100'

Previous experience with species and similar ones: initial fee sketch made between observations

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Several Books consulted - Belrose; Nat. Aud Master Guide,

How long before field notes made? 2-3 hrs this form completed? 48 hrs

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