

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species Cinnamon Teal How many? one

Location?_ Colo Ponds, west of Colo, Story County

Type of habitat?_flooded waterway

When? date(s): 14 April 1991 Time: 6:20 p.m.

Who? your name and address Jim Dinsmore, 4024 Arkansas Drive,
Ames

Others with you Pat Dinsmore

Others before and after you Hank Zaletel

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

small duck, swimming with two male Blue-winged Teal, about the same size or slightly larger than those two

the bird was a rich deep cinnamon brown on the sides, back, chest, and on up the neck onto the head

there was a female teal with the Cinnamon Teal; the two appeared paired; It may have been female of either Blue-winged or Cinnamon teal but I made no attempt to identify it (how?)

Similar species and how eliminated:

no other duck matches this color pattern and size

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

20 power spotting scope, bird was about 50-60 yards away, I was looking into the light at an angle but I still was able to see colors on the bird fairly well

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:

I have seen the bird previously in North Dakota several times, in Iowa once, and in zoos several times

References and persons consulted before writing description:

none

How long before field notes made? noted in field

this form completed? 14 hours later

Mail original form to field editor for this season.