

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa ✓

What species? Black Scoter How many? 1Location? Coralville Res. Dam areaType of habitat? large body - open waterWhen? date(s): November 2 1986 time: _____ to 15 min. afternoonWho? your name and address: Thomas J. STAUDT 517 Dearborn IC 52240others with you: Tom Kent, Cal, Bernie Knight, Carol Thompson, Jim Fyffeothers before or after you: ?

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.

ON THE WATER THE upperparts overall were quite dark, including a dark STRIP tail. Facial area was grayish as was breast and underparts

Bill was dark, short, and thick, heavier at the base. Head rounded.

The bird was smaller but heavier than nearby canvasbacks

Similar species and how eliminated: Ruddy duck is smaller, flatter billed, much lighter in the facial area, lighter flanks, generally not as dark a bird overall.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
20x scope

Previous experience with species and similar ones: one previous sighting

References and persons consulted before writing description:

National Geographic Field Guide was consulted

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

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