

What species? SURF SCOTER (MALE) How many? 1Location? BADGER CREEK STATE PARK - MADISON COUNTYType of habitat? MAN-MADE LAKEWhen? date(s): 19 APRIL 1990 time: 12:38 PM to 12:51 PMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, RR #6, IOWA CITY

others with you: _____

others before or after you: ARMSTRONGS

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.

THE BIRD WAS BY ITSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE 300-400 YARDS DISTANT. THERE WERE NO OTHER DUCKS AROUND TO COMPARE SIZE, BUT IT APPEARED TO BE A LARGE DUCK. IT WAS ENTIRELY BLACK EXCEPT FOR 3 FEATURES (1) A WHITE SPOT ON FOREHEAD AND AN OVAL WHITE SPOT ON BACK OF HEAD AND NECK (2) A BILL WHICH WAS ORANGE AND WHITE WITH A DARK ROUND SPOT AT THE BASE (3) A WHITE EYE. OTHER FEATURES NOTED; ON ONE OCCASION IT STUCK ITS TAIL UP IN AIR, MUCH LIKE A RUDDY. THE BILL WAS LARGE, AND THE FOREHEAD AND BILL WERE ALMOST IN A CONTINUOUS SLOPING LINE.

Similar species and how eliminated: MALE WHITE WINGED SCOTER HAS WHITE EYE COMMA AND DIFFERENT BILL MARKINGS + FOREHEAD SLOPE, AND NO LARGE WHITE AREAS ON HEAD. AND MALE BLACK SCOTER HAS DIFFERENT BILL, A DARK EYE AND NO WHITE MARKINGS ON HEAD. Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

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

LOOKING NORTHWEST - OVERCAST AT MIDDAYTSN4KOWA SLOPE (20-60X)Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN SEVERAL TIMESReferences and persons consulted before writing description: NATHL GED.How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 8 HOURS

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