

AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Greater Scaup 2. Number 1
 3. Location Lake Manawa, Council Bluffs
 4. Date: 11 April 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 6:10 pm to 5 + ~~10~~ minutes

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

1 ♂ in a group of ~~56~~ 6 ♀ Scaup. Head not crested or even square - sloping in back. ~~That way~~ That way 5 minutes or so (not a merely compression before a dive). Sides white (3 of the other ♂ have more or less grayish sides). Biggest of these scaup, but certainly doesn't stand out as big. I can't tell if the back is different from the others. I can see its bill nail when I can't see those of the others.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Just floating about with others

9. Habitat - general: Lake - oxbow lake
 specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:

Differs from Lesser Scaup in head shape, size, size of bill. Differs from many lessers in white flanks.

11. Distance (how measured)?

100 yds or so? guess. maybe less

12. Optical equipment:

20x scope, maybe

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

east of me in evening. Broken cloud cover, light overcast

40x but I didn't write it down.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

Mainly this spring.

15. Other observers:

None.

16. Did the others agree with your identification?

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description

None.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? Written right

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