

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

CBC NAME: Omaha COMPILER: Melba Wigg CBC DATE Dec 20, 1980

OBSERVER WRITING THIS ACCOUNT & DATE: Janet Greer Dec 20, 1980

Date of observation: Dec 20, 1980 Time: 2:30 p.m. Weather: clear Sky Cover: cloudy

Duration of observation: 10 minutes Bird/Sun Orientation: cloudy

Exact Location: Missouri River between Habitat: in water of Missouri River

Observers & Optical Equipment: Tanya Bray, Janet Greer - Bushnell
10x - Empire 8x - Bushnell 25x scope

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SPECIES: Wooded Merganser NUMBER, AGE, SEX: 2 - immatures or females

Distance from bird(s): 500 ft. Relative size of bird: ducks smaller than mallards

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line etc.): crest - laid back reddish

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color etc.): no marks

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES: sharp bill LEGS & FEET: not visible

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts etc.): overall gray

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum etc.): swimming in river

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers; color pattern; shape etc.): normal

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges etc.): normal - we did not see a white mark on the wing

VOCALIZATION: none

BEHAVIOR: tail held erect, from water as ruddy ducks do - head held back toward body - crest laid back - breasts appeared prominent and rounded - swimming in river not in a cove or backwater of river

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: They too birds were swimming in close proximity to 5 mallards. They were much startled in flight - flight across the river on the opposite shore were 4 male American goldeneyes and 2 female American goldeneyes. Although the goldeneyes were about the same size as the birds in question, the goldeneyes did not display

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the same posture or behavior.