

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF  
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Cinnamon Teal 2. Number 1  
3. Location MARSH 1 mile EAST of Sunken Grove Marina, Iowa  
4. Date: 5-8-81 5. Time Bird Seen: 5:30 AM to 6:00 PM

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):

Size and shape same as bluewings. A teal with Cinnamon head, neck, breast, & side - black bill - legs same <sup>color</sup> as blue wings. Back was dark brown with some light stripes. (Unmistakable)

7. Description of voice, if heard: NOT HEARD

8. Description of behavior: puddle duck feeding habits - bird also stood on a muskrat house  
9. Habitat - general: Marsh

specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8. Explain: Coloration eliminated all other ducks & teal I am aware of.

11. Distance (how measured)? 100 yd est 12. Optical equipment: 20X spotting scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you): good - clear sun at back

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: seen before in California

15. Other observers: First sighted 4-30 (Shorty Brewer, Cherokee & other observers all agreed)

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: None

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? 48 hours

Signature: Raymond K. Lemmings Address: 204 NW 12th Street

Date: 5-9-81 City, State: Pocahontas, Iowa 50574