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On April 8, 1981 while exercising my dog in the area of Acorn Valley Campground located on the West shore of Saylorsville Lake. A small 1/4 acre farm pond exists within this area and has always received considerable use from migrating dabbling ducks. I viewed a cinnamon teal (drake) in the company of about 8 blue winged teal. I returned the following morning with another ranger (MIKE MARTIN) to photograph the C. teal. Due to changing light conditions, the quality of photo is somewhat lacking. However, the slide clearly identifies the bird as a cinnamon teal. Dick Mooney, a local Audubon member was called and came out that afternoon to see the bird.

The bird stayed for 3 1/2 weeks before moving on. The pond is secluded & rich in aquatic plants.

I am very sorry for extreme lateness of this report. I originally ~~so~~ reported this sighting to James L. Hansen, Waterfowl Research Biologist, I.C.C. Clear Lake. I found this enclosed form in a return letter from Jim Hansen, unopened in the back of my desk drawer. I am sorry.

Working at Saylorsville Lake as a ranger allows me much time outdoors. Coming across unusual or rare species occasionally happens. If you could make me a few more observation forms I would be more than happy to report our sightings.

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A second peculiar sighting happened since the Cinnamon teal in April. on June 8th Monday, I sighted a scissartailed flycatcher perched on a guardrail wire right on Saylorville Dam. I returned with camera however bird flew away before I was close enough to shoot.

Sincerely
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