

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. NOV 22 1982 - 046
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Oldsquaw
 Scientific Name Clangula hyemalis
 Sight date 15 Oct 1982 time 1030-1040 duration 10 min.
 Distance from bird about 200 m.
 Light conditions good. sun to my back
 Optical equip. 20x scope
 Photo. equip. -
 Number of this species seen 1
 Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared.
 Notes made later from memory
 Photo available Photo enclosed 4 Nov 1982

Weather at time of this observation.
Partly cloudy, 50°, light sw winds.
 Prior weather & number of days since change
similar weather previous 4-5 days.

Locality
Minersville Reservoir, Beaver Co.

Male Adult Age unk. ^{winter plumage} Basic Plumage Light Phase
 Female Subadult ♀ or Imm Breeding Dark Phase
 Sex Unk. Juv/Imm _____ year bird Eclipse Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.
A chunky bodied, short necked, short tailed duck. Length was about 12-13 inches. Head was entirely white except for the crown and back of head which were brown. The bill was short, about 1 inch, and appeared black. Eye was black. The neck was very short and white, except the hind neck which was brown. The back, breast, wings, and tail were brown. The sides were light brown. The tail was about 2 inches long.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

Dark cheek patch was not observed on this bird.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

No other duck has a white head and brown body.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

Bird was observed feeding with a small flock of pintail & green-winged teal.

Habitat, this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Reservoir

Describe birds song or sounds.

Not heard

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

None

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have observed Oldsquaws numerous times on the west coast, also a few previous sightings in Utah.

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