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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Greater Scaup

Scientific Name: Aythya marila

Date: October 22, 1985 Time: 9:00 AM

Length of time observed: 5 minutes

Number: 1

Age: ad

Sex: male

Location: near Grantsville exit on I-80

Lat/long: 5

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: 300 feet

Light conditions: shiny

Optical equipment: 15X60 scope

Weather: calm storm preceeding day

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

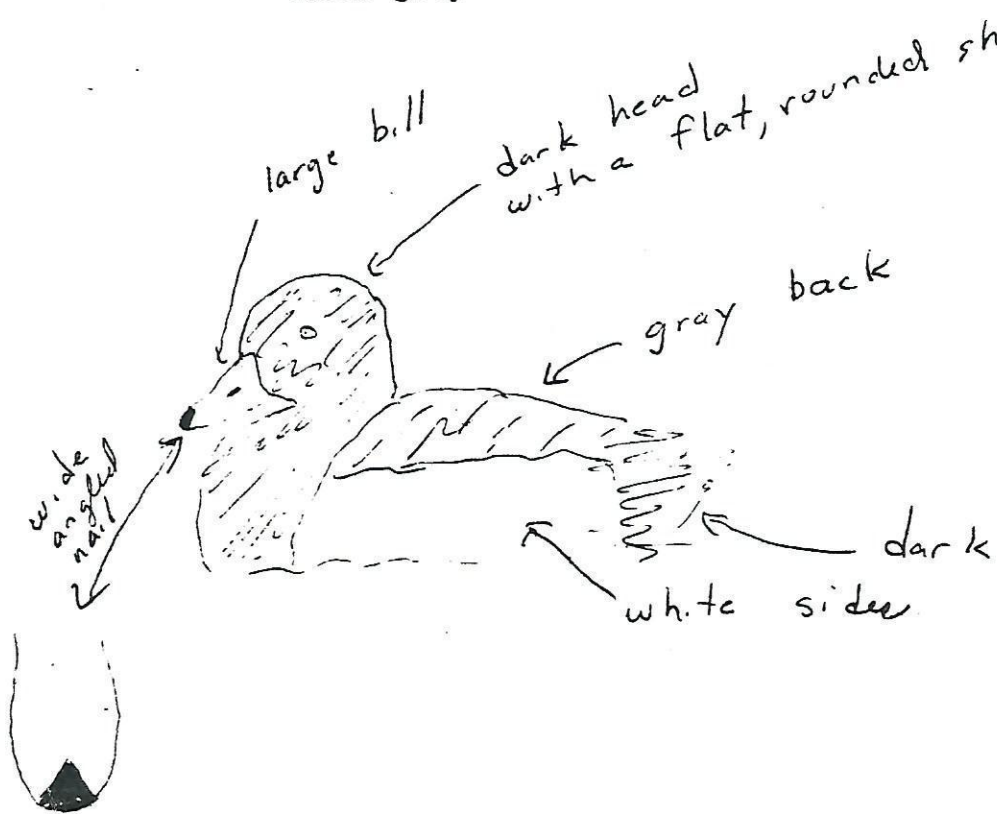
The head was smoothe and rounded rather than the peaked crown of the Lesser

Larger than nearby Lesser Scaup

By direct comparison the bill was larger and the nail made a much larger angle

Sides were white breast and rear dark as was the head

Back gray



*No judgement
would like to
see photo -
even some of
them won't judge
these as Lesser
scaup
Chris
20 Jan 86*

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: Floating around in the Great Salt Lake

Habitat: Lake

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

see description only the lesser scaup in similar

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I am familiar with both

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

none

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting___ notes made later X from memory___

Observer: Ella Sorensen

Signature:

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Date prepared:

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