

VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

2-1990

Common Name: OLDSQUAW Scientific Name: CLANGULA HYEMALIS  
 Date: JULY 3, 1990 Time: 3:30 Length of time observed: 20 MINUTES, ALSO  
 Number: ONE Age: ADULT Sex: FEMALE SEEN JULY 7 FOR PERHAPS  
 Location: BEAR RIVER REFUGE 1/2 HOUR  
 Latilong: 2 Elevation (if known):  
 Distance to bird: ? SEVERAL HUNDRED Light conditions: BRIGHT, SUNNY  
YARDS  
 Optical equipment: ZEISS 10X40 BINOCULARS; BAUSCH & LOMB BALSCOPE ZOOM 60,  
QUESTAR 40X60 POWER  
 Weather: CLEAR, SUNNY  
 Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

THIS WAS IN THE SO-CALLED WINTER PLUMAGE, OR PERHAPS INTERMEDIATE BETWEEN THIS AND SUMMER. THE HEAD WAS NEAR-WHITE IN COLOR. JUST BELOW THERE WAS A SHORT, RELATIVELY THICK, DARK STRIPE OR BLOTCH ON THE UPPER NECK. BELOW THIS THE NECK AND BACK WERE BROWNISH, BUT LIGHTER ON THE NECK. THE SIDES AND BREAST WERE INTERMEDIATE IN COLOR - LIGHT BROWN, BUT DARKER THAN NECK, LIGHTER THAN BACK.

THE BILL WAS SHORT, DARKER THAN HEAD. I COULD NOT DISTINGUISH THE COLOR.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: NONE

Behavior: SWAM AND DOVE. DID NOT ATTEMPT TO FLY.  
SOME DIVES LASTED A LONG TIME.

Habitat: IMPOUNDMENT AT BEAR RIVER REFUGE

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

NO OTHER DUCK HAS THIS APPEARANCE.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

OBSERVED MANY TIMES: IN MICHIGAN; NOV. 15, 1989 LOGAN SEWAGE PONDS

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

FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA BY NOTI GEOG.  
DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS OF NORTH AMERICA BY BELLROSE  
NOT USED FOR DESCRIPTION, BUT TO VERIFY IDENTIFICATION AND PLUMAGE.

Significance of record in this area or the state: EARLIEST RECORD FOR  
BEAR RIVER REFUGE ACCORDING TO AL TROUT, REFUGE MANAGER.

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

PHOTOGRAPH  
Ella I think I sent you the photo before AND PHOTOGRAPHS  
Description from notes taken at time of sighting X notes made later      from memory     

Observer: LAWRENCE A. RYEL

Signature: Lawrence A. Ryel

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

ALICE LINDAHL (JULY 3), KIT FLANNERY (JULY 7)

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