

APPENDIX V
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE by Esther Keyser

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE. FOR UTAH BIRD RECORDS CODING ONLY.

Latilong _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
Habitat _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name American Black - Mexican?
Scientific Name Anas - ?
Obs. date 8, 29, 91 Time(s) 11:30 AM
Duration of obs. 20 min.
Distance from bird closest was 6'
Light conditions excellent
Optical equip. Did not use at closest point
Photo equip. none
Notes made at time of sighting _____
Notes made later from memory ✓ Date report prepared Sept 19, 1991

Weather at time of this observation.
warm, sunny, no wind

Prior weather and number of days since change
same

Locality
Don's Lake, La Sal Mountains

Latilong block number 18

Enter number of birds in each category. Total number observed. <u>7</u>	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
	Males <u>2</u> Females <u>5</u> ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns _____	Adults <u>7</u> Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other _____	Available _____ Enclosed _____

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

I noticed this group of ducks feeding along the shoreline at the far side of the lake. They were moving toward me so I sat on a rock right beside the water & "propped." The ducks were feeding on underwater vegetation which I noticed was covered with snails. I observed a pale tan head with a dark eye-stripe and crown - much darker eye stripe than female mallard. The two I took to be males had a dark back and the female's backs were dusky. The water was clear so I could see their orange legs. When they "tipped up" they were paler near the tail. Since they were feeding I couldn't see the bills too easily but they were not as bright as a mallards & ^{appeared} ~~with more~~ orangey yellow. They swam quite close and when they saw me they reversed direction and swam some distance away. I tried in vain to see a speculum. They eventually took flight but I was not alert & didn't get the binoculars on them in time. They certainly looked a lot like the black ducks I am familiar with from my previous summer in Ontario, Canada.

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

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Speculum - I tried hard to see it but birds were facing me, broad side to me, or going away from me and I just could not see it.

Variations from expected field marks.

The back was darker than the belly on the two males -

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

Mallard - male - There was no green head, white neck ring
Mallard - female - There was no light tail-tip
Gadwall - female No yellow feet and no grayness on the male

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

As described on page 1 - Ducks were feeding a few feet from shore, travelling slowly in a group around the lake. The two males preceded the others by a few feet.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Mountain lake, 9,000' elevation. Lake was surrounded by shrubs, trees and an open rocky area - some patches of grass & cat-tails.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

subdued "quack"

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

after many summers traveling by canoe in northern Ontario I have seen many black ducks take off ahead of me.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

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