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VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: *Harlequin Duck*

Scientific Name: *Histrionicus*

Date: *Sept 25 1993* Time:

Length of time observed: *10 minutes*

Number: *1* Age:

Sex:

Location: *Antelope Island Causeway*

Latilong:

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: *60 feet*

Light conditions:

Optical equipment: *8X42 binocular*

Weather:

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

*small dark duck with a short stubby bill,
with white spots on head
overall plumage appeared dark brown, except for
spots on head.
profile of head was steep forehead on rounded head*

Voice or call notes and method of delivery:

Behavior: *Somed to prefer the area near the culvert where water from Farmington Bay enters the Great Salt Lake. Occasional dive*

Habitat: *↗*

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

the only duck similar would be female/immature scoters but the bill on these ~~is~~ species is much larger it is also a smaller duck - the whole profile of head is different.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

I have seen all three scoters in Utah. W Wigeon + Surf are regular. ~~Scoter~~, I have also seen ~~two~~ immature ~~scoters~~ ~~harlequin~~ harlequin duck twice before. I have photographed harlequin and all three scoters in Utah

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 _____ from memory _____

Observer: *Ella Sorensen*

Signature: *Ella D Sorensen*

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Craig Kneedy this duck was seen by many observers through Oct + Nov + Dec

Date prepared: *1/2/94*

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