

RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD NEW STATE RECORD ACCEPTED REJECTEDSpecies: Black Duck

(Vernacular Name)

Ana rubripes

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Sept. 4, 1972, Aug. 31, 1973, Sept. 2, 1973 Time Bird Seen: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_Locality: Pole Mountain Reservoir, ~~High~~ in North ParkNearest Town: Coalment County: Jackson

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

NoneOptical Equipment: Bird was captured in trapIf photographed, type of equipment used: Pentax 35 mmLight Conditions: excellentDistance from bird (how measured): NANumber of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Male Plumage: eclipseDescribe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor: examined the bird in hand and behavior or action were not observed

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Mallard shape and size. Plumage darker than mallard or mottled duck  
 Speculum dark purple with white trailing edge

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.

none heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird: captured in bait trap  
on pond

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

by variation in speculum, and plumage (darker than mallard)

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have observed and handled thousands of mallards. Have captured a black duck in eastern Colorado in the past.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None

This report was written from notes made during        after  observation; from memory       

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