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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Surf Scoter
 Scientific Name Melanitta perspicillata
 Sight date 9 Nov 87 time 2:00 P.M. duration 30 min
 Distance from bird 50 yds - 100 yds
 Light conditions full sun
 Optical equip. 10x50 Bino 15-60 Zele
 Photo. equip. —

Weather at time of this observation.

Clear

Prior weather & number of days since change

Number of this species seen 1
 Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared.
 Notes made later from memory
 Photo available Photo enclosed 13 Dec 87

Locality

Jogan Sewage Tagoon

Male Adult Age unk. Basic Plumage Light Phase
 Female Subadult ♀ or Imm Breeding Dark Phase
 Sex Unk. Juv/Imm _____ year bird Eclipse Molting

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

This bird was generally dark, dull bird at first glance. Floats low in water like Ruddy Duck. It was obviously a Scoter. Surf or W.W. was the ? I had just studied both species together the day before at Salt Air in Salt Lake City. The bird never showed white on the wing but never flew or raised wing. Head & back showed all the marks of a surf scoter. Forehead was flat. Dark crown, thru the eye, and extending down back of neck. The two light spots on either side of the eye were of the pattern of surf scoter. Bill had faint hint of orange indicating an imm. male.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Variations from expected field marks.

orange on bill was very light

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

not W.W. Scoter because of lack of white in wings.
flat forehead, dark cap, pattern of white on head.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

with many species of ducks mainly Ruddy Ducks.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Swage Lagoon

Describe birds song or sounds.

None

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

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Jerry Rygel
Bob Atwood
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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Alaska - 1986
8 Nov 87 - Surf + W.W. Scoters were observed
for more than 1 hour at a close range +
good light. This was an excellent
opportunity for study + comparison of
both species.

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