

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

___ x ___ Unusual Species ___ Unusual Date ___ Unusual Habitat

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. Count Name: ___ Dixon ___ Count Code: _____

3. Species ___ Ring-necked duck ___ Age ___ adult ___ Sex ___ M ___ # ___ 3 ___

4. Date (s) of Observation ___ 2015-12-14 ___ Time ___ 1305 ___ to ___ 1310 ___
Earlier/Later dates by others, if known _____

5. Place ___ Rigsby's Bridge ___
Nearest Town ___ Embudo ___ County ___ Rio Arriba ___

6. Observer ___ David Yeamans ___
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7. Observation Details:
Other Observers ___ Debbie Weissman, Cedar Koons, Sharon Stewart ___
Optics Used ___ Swarovski CL 8x30, Panasonic Lumix camera ___
Distance From Bird ___ 100 m ___ Viewing Conditions ___ bright sun, clear skies, still air ___

Weather, sky cover ___ No clouds ___
Photo Taken? ___ Yes ___ Video? ___ No ___ Sound Recording? ___ No ___ Specimen? ___ No ___

Are these available to the CBC Regional Editor? ___ Yes ___ Where are they? ___ email and ebird ___
<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S26310218>

8. Past Experience: With this or similar species? ___ 45 years waterfowl hunting ___

9. References or Advice Consulted: ___ none ___

10. Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory? ___ Memory and photo

Signature _____ dy _____ Date ___ 2015-212-22 ___

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I noticed the three other birders in the team ahead of me studying the river upstream so I hurried to the bridge to join them. I got a view of three interesting dark ducks and immediately guessed common goldeneye because it was the abundant duck of the day. The next two choices would be scaup and RNDU so I immediately guessed wrong again based on verbal description. But they showed me a zoomed photo that was clearly not goldeneye or scaup and clearly was RNDU. The reviewer might judge me to be a jumpy birder but I always reserve the right to correct myself given time, good views, good descriptions, and good photos. There is certainty that RNDU is the right call in this case.

