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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.

