

IORC Record 2012.036

- 1) Reason for documentation: Unusual species
- 2) Species: Barrow's Goldeneye
- 3) Number of birds: 1
- 4) Age/Sex/Plumage: Adult male
- 5) Date: 16-Dec-2012 and 26-Dec-2012
- 6) Location: Skokie Lagoons
- 7) Observers: Matthew Cvetas (both dates)
Jake Cvetas (26-Dec-2012 only)
- 8) Your name: Matthew Cvetas
- 9) Mailing address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 10) E-mail address: [REDACTED]
- 11) Others agreeing with the identification: Jake Cvetas
- 12) Others not agreeing with the identification: None
- 13) Description of bird: Small diving duck, larger than accompanying Common Goldeneye, striking male with black and white plumage pattern, white crescent shaped patch on head, steep forehead, shaggy mane, back black with obvious white spots and black spur at shoulder
- 14) Description of behaviour: Diving for food, occasionally posturing to Common Goldeneye females
- 15) Description of vocalizations: None
- 16) Description of habitat: Lagoons surrounded by woodlands
- 17) Optical equipment used: Nikon Premier 10x42 binoculars, Nikon 82mm Fieldscope with 25-75x zoom lens
- 18) Distance/how measured: 50-100 yards, estimated
- 19) Time of observation: 16-Dec (2:15-3:08pm), 26-Dec (1:15-1:45pm)

20) Total time of observation: 53 minutes and 30 minutes

21) Weather conditions: 16-Dec (Overcast and mild), 26-Dec (overcast and cold, light snow)

22) Previous experience: Adult male seen at this location in Feb-2012, female in a few years previous

23) How were similar species eliminated? Eliminated Common Goldeneye by white crescent shaped patch on head, steep forehead, shaggy mane, back black with obvious white spots and black spur at shoulder

24) Were photos taken? No

25) Photographer's name:

26) Books consulted, advice received: None

27) Length of time after field notes were recorded: 1 hour

28) Length of time after this form was completed: 10 days for first observation, 9 hours second

29) Additional remarks: