

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013.065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Josh Engel

Date of review: 13 May 2015

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-E(p)

Comments: Note that I'm changing my vote to accept. Very brief descriptions like this one don't satisfy me, but given the observer's experience and his awareness of the confusion with American Black Duck and hybrids, I hesitantly vote to accept.

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Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Dan Kassebaum

Date of review: May 19, 2015

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: Accepted (Photo evidence)

Comments:

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Record #: 2013.065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Greg Lambeth

Date of review: June 14, 2015

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: U – I (Insufficient documentation)

Comments:

The written documentation is very brief so confirmation relies on the photograph which is of poor quality. It shows a bird which appears at first glance to be either a Mexican, Mottled or Black Duck. The quality of the photograph makes it difficult to discern the relatively subtle field marks that differentiate these three species.

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Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: McMullen

Date of review: 6-2-15

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-E (photo)

Comments:

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Record #: 2013.065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 2 June 2015

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: U-I

Comments: I stand by my original judgement on this bird. It may very well be a Mottled Duck, maybe probably is, but the photo is just too blurry to be identifiable, and the very limited description doesn't completely convince me on a difficult ID, especially given hybridization issues in this complex.

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Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 5/24/15

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: A-S(2)

Comments: Given the amount of hybridization with Mallards occurring in the southeast these days, it's difficult to say exactly what is happening with these birds showing up here. The photo isn't enough to ID this bird, (Am. Black Duck seems a more reasonable ID just from the photo) but Bohlen's quick description fills in enough of the holes.

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Record #: 2013.065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 25 April 2015

Circulation number: 2nd

Vote: U-I

Comments:

Likely a Mottled Duck, but as pointed out in comments from the first circulation, a hybrid individual (Mallard x Mottled Duck) seems possible, especially given that the description mentions only a small amount of black at the gape.