

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Robert Hughes

Date of review: 02/28/2020

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation]

The photos don't show enough of the bird (uppertail coverts, wing pattern, and tail) to be certain of an identification as Mottled Duck. Other features appear consistent with that species, but due to the rarity of this species in Illinois and the possibility of hybridization, the reviewer doesn't feel comfortable calling this bird a Mottled Duck.

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Davida Kalina

Date of review: 19 February 2020

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation]

I again vote to reject this record based on the fact that a female MALLxMODU hybrid cannot be ruled out, since the submitter was never able to observe the entire speculum.

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Walter Marcisz

Date of review: 2-27-20

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation]

The more I learn about Mottled Duck hybridization (especially from reading Leukering & Pranty' s 2015 article) the more I believe that clear photos taken at very close range are an absolute necessity if the possibility of hybridization is to be convincingly eliminated. The photos provided in support of this record are simply too distant to be of much help in addressing the possibility of hybridization. It is also worth noting that no clear photos of the speculum were obtained. As Davida Kalina pointed out during the previous circulation: "the submitter was never able to observe the entire speculum." I vote to reject.

Literature cited:

[Leukering, T and B Pranty \(2015\)](#). Mottled Duck Hybridization. eBird

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Adam Sell

Date of review: 3/1/20

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: My thoughts with this bird and the Mottled Duck complex hasn't become any easier to deal with, but I'm landing here permanently. The concern with hybrids is a real one, and one that needs to be specifically ruled out. Having not seen the bird in flight is concerning. It might very well be a Mottled Duck, but there just isn't enough evidence to rule out hybridization with Mallard even after the second photo and subsequent description of field marks that were ruled out.

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Douglas Stotz

Date of review: 19 February 2020

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: A-E(photo)

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation]

The newly added photo is suggestive of a Mottled Duck in a way that the original photo was not. I am not certain we can 100% rule out a hybrid Mottled x Mallard, but there also doesn't seem to be anything in the admittedly weak description or photo that really suggests a hybrid.

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Paul Sweet

Date of review: 2/20/20

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation] The observer did try to rule out hybrids but failed to document a key field mark. The source cited with regards to Mottled X Mallard hybrids also predates much of the increase in the population of hybrids in Florida, suggesting that they're much rarer than they are today.

IORC EVALUATION FORM

Record #: 2013-065

Name of bird form: Mottled Duck

Committee member name: Geoffrey A. Williamson

Date of review: 18 February 2020

Circulation number: 4th [resubmission]

Vote: U-I

Comments: [required as this is a 4th circulation]

I was convinced by the discussion at the IORC meeting of 16 Feb 2020 that for members of this complex, we need good photographs or solid descriptions of a many or most of the parts that may exhibit characteristics of hybridization. As commented at the IORC meeting, we don't have information about the appearance of the speculum border.