

IORC #2013.016

- 1) Reason for documentation: Unusual species
- 2) Species: Mottled Duck
- 3) Number of birds: Two
- 4) Age/Sex/Plumage: I was told they are males by Michael Retter.
- 5) Date: May 30th 2013
- 6) Location: Mount rose Point Cook County
- 7) Observers: Luis Munoz & Kanae H.
- 8) Your name: Luis Munoz
- 9) Mailing address: [REDACTED]
- 10) E-mail address: [REDACTED]
- 11) Others agreeing with the identification: Michael Retter, Geoff Williamson, Matt Fraker, Walter M.
- 12) Others not agreeing with the identification: None.
- 13) Description of bird: The photos speak for themselves.
- 14) Description of behaviour: Very wary when they landed on the water. I knew they were wild ducks because every time I moved to get a better angle, they swam away from me. Finally I stayed still and they eventually swam closer to me.
- 15) Description of vocalizations: None.
- 16) Description of habitat: The protected beach at Montrose.
- 17) Optical equipment used: Spotting Scope and 200 mm camera.
- 18) Distance/how measured: Initially a good distance away.
- 19) Time of observation: Between 7:00 am and 7:30 am
- 20) Total time of observation: About 30-40 minutes.

21) Weather conditions: Windy and sunny.

22) Previous experience: Saw them in Texas 15 years ago.

23) How were similar species eliminated? Through the photos, Black Duck was eliminated by the white border on the speculum.

24) Were photos taken? Yes

25) Photographer's name: Luis Munoz & Kanae H.

26) Books consulted, advice received: Sisley and other birders who deal with E-Bird.

27) Length of time after field notes were recorded: Photos.

28) Length of time after this form was completed: One day.

29) Additional remarks: