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washington: 36 species. Reporters: Rushton Cortelyou, Alan Grenon, Richard Rosche. Observer: Shelley Bonsall.

saunders: 124 species. Reporters: Larry Einemann, Fr. Thomas Hoffman, Mabel Ott. Observers: Daryl and Margaret Giblin.

Douglas/Sarpy: 225 species. Reporters: Tanya Bray, Rushton Cortelyou, Ruth Green, Alan Grenon, Betty Grenon, Clyde and Emma Johnson, Babs and Loren Padelford, Richard Rosche. Observers: Jim Ault, Roland Barth, Shelly Bonsall, John Brenneman, Canterburys, Kelly Clark, Kathleen Crawford-Rose, Mark Dietz, Clem Klaphapke, Jim Kovanda, Janis Paseka, Chris Rasmussen, Neal Ratzlaff, Alice Rushton, B. J. Rose, Dave Starr, Jerry Toll.

Cass: 152 species. Reporters: Alan Grenon, Betty Grenon, Richard Rosche, Gertrude Wood. Observers: Jan DeGarmo, Kevin DeGarmo, Donald Wood.

Lancaster: 189 species. Reporters: Tanya Bray, Larry Einemann, Alan Grenon, Thomas Labeledz, Mabel Ott, Babs and Loren Padelford, Richard Rosche. Observers: Neal Ratzlaff, B. J. Rose.

Southwest Counties (Chase, Dundy, Hayes, and Hitchcock combined): 73 species. Reporter: Iola Pennington.

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An "Iowa" record of Common Eider to date has apparently not been considered as a Nebraska record (Johnsgard 1980, Bray et al. 1986). A note was published by Philip Dumont in 1934 (Wilson Bulletin 46: 203), describing a bird that was shot by a hunter on the Missouri River below Sioux City, Iowa on November 1, 1901. Dumont cited measurements that established the specimen as an example of *Somateria mollissima v-nigra*, the western race of Common Eider. Dumont wrote that "this record might be claimed as Nebraskan as well as Iowan", a statement noted by Tate (1969) on the only other record of Common Eider for Nebraska (Bray et al. 1986).

From the information available, there is no evidence as to which state the Sioux City Common Eider was in when it was collected. It seems to have been claimed as an Iowa record because Dumont was an Iowan, and the specimen was recovered from a Sioux City market, rather than because of any data ascertaining the provenance of the specimen. It is well-known that the Iowa-Nebraska boundary is tortuous, and in many places unrelated to the current channel of the Missouri River.

I suggest that this record be considered as part of the Nebraska avifauna. This case is somewhat analogous to several records from the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge such as Bean Goose, Brant, and Barrow's Goldeneye, all of which have been accepted for both states because they have been observed on a body of water containing the state boundary. (In these three cases, it should be noted that these birds were adjudged to have crossed the

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invisible boundary while in view, and thus validated for each state.) I repeat that there is no more evidence that this record belongs to Iowa than to Nebraska, so I believe that it should be considered a "joint" record for both states.

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