

General Field Notes

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Oldsquaw in Sumter County, S.C.

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On 21 April 1987, at approximately 1200 hours, we found a female Oldsquaw (*Clangula hyemalis*) on a sewage treatment plant at Campbell Soup Lagoon, 8 km south of Sumter, Sumter County, S.C. The bird was in definitive basic (dark) plumage. The bird was with a small raft of ducks: Ruddy (*Oxyura jamaicensis*), Ring-necked (*Aythya collaris*), and Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*). We watched the bird through a 55X Celestron telescope at a distance of about 75 m.

When we returned on 24 April, the bird was no longer there.

(S.C. EDITOR'S NOTE: This appears to be the first documented record of the Oldsquaw from Sumter County, although several occurrences have been reported from other interior counties (see South Carolina Birdlife, 1949, and Supplement, 1970).—WP)

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