

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: KNOT Calidris canutus 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: Lake Henry

4. Date(s): May 13, 1972 5. Time bird seen: MID AFTERNOON to

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

Medium size, chunky shorebird with reddish breast, short beak, and white rump not extending up back.

7. Description of voice, if heard:

8. Description of behavior: Isolated

9. Habitat--general: Lake shore
specific: Pebbly

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:

Dowitcher were eliminated by short beak and lack of white in back.

Curlew Sandpiper eliminated by white rump

11. Distance (how measured?):

12. Optical equipment: Bushnell 20-45X zoom scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):

Good light behind observer

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

I've seen this species on several occasions in Chicago

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

Knowledge of its range

16. Other observers: Van and Joey Truan

17. Did others agree with your identification? yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: Van Truan

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:

Birds of North America by Chandler S. ROBBINS was consulted in the field to double check flight marks. Same book used now to check remembered marks against similar species.

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Photographed with Mikkorimat FTN with Nikor 500mm lense and Kodachrome X film

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Signature
Date Prepared: January 3, 1973 City and State: Security, Colorado 80911

(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)

The enclosed slides show clearly the diagnostic shape and color of the Knot. I took to pictures in lew of detailed field notes since we were on a count and did not wish to spend additional time. The marks noted are as best as I remember them. Since the bird was on an exposed beach, I was unable to approach very close, so I suggest for the most detailed viewing of the slide you place it under a small microscope with a magnification of 25X or less. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to write.

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3. Location: Lake Henry Crowley, Co. Colorado

4. Date(s): May 13, 1972 5. Time bird seen: 3:30 ? to 3:45 ?

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

While conducting the 1972 Pueblo spring bird count we observed a knot in adult summerplumage. We noted the rufous-red breasted bird on the lake shore. We then observed the short black bill and that the bird was stocky. The grayish back and whiterump were very distinctive. The robin-colored breast was plain no markings.

7. Description of voice, if heard: We heard its whistle call as described in

Birds of North America "Robbins"

8. Description of behavior: I didn't notice.

9. Habitat--general: Lakeshore-sand/gravel
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
dowitchers sp.-long-bill, breasts have barring

11. Distance (how measured?): 30ft. estimated

12. Optical equipment: 7-35x binoculars---20-45x scope

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
good light on bird-sunbehind us-sky clear

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

It was a life bird for Joey and myself-Mike had seen it before

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

I knew it was the second area record.

16. Other observers: Jolan (joey) Truan, Mike Shultz & Van Truan

17. Did others agree with your identification? yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: both field guides were used in the field. My notes were used for this sheet.

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Mike Shultz took pictures check with him.

Van A. Truan Street Address: 2510 Elizabeth

Signature

Date Prepared: December 15, 1972 City and State: Pueblo Colorado

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