

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

1. Species: KNOT Calidris canutus 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Longway Pond on Tower Rd. about 1 1/2 miles S. of Barr Lake
4. Date(s): 9/3/73 5. Time bird seen: 11:15 AM to 11:25 AM
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):
A lightish colored greyish, chunky Sandpiper, considerably larger than Baird's Sandpiper with it. The bird had a straight, short bill. Tail & rump whitish in flight
7. Description of voice, if heard: None - soft but could otherwise describe
8. Description of behavior: standing and probing in shallow water near the mud flats
9. Habitat--general: shallow water
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
Similar in size and shape to a dowitcher - ruled out dowitcher because of shorter bill and lacked white V in flight. never.
11. Distance (how measured?): in a deep pool of water as dowitcher
12. Optical equipment: binoculars - estimated 25 ft.
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sun fairly high - but to my left as looking at the bird.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Saw it only once - then in spring plumage
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
Saw it 14 and because you sent it to me.
16. Other observers: no
17. Did others agree with your identification?
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Robbins' Western Game Birds, 1971
Baird's Sandpiper - Col. Baird (after I got home)
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
Lo. & W. photo Street Address: 150. 2nd Ave.

Signature

Date Prepared: 9/21/73 City and State: Colorado, Colo 80010

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

See Reverse side

9/15/73. Fall count to Bear Lake.

Observers: Robert Anderson

Loni Chappell

David Hatten

Sue Merrick

Sam White

We stopped by same pond about 7:30 AM and while sitting in car looking at a B. B. plane an identical bird as described on opposite side - flew in. Everyone felt it was a Knot. Bird remained there about 10 minutes and then flew out of sight in a westerly direction.

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