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Species: KNOT

Calidris canutus

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 18, 1974

Time Bird Seen: 4:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. MDT

Locality: Newell Lake, about 3 miles E. of Berthoud

Nearest Town: Berthoud, Colorado

County: Larimer

Other observers who identified this bird:

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Optical Equipment: 10 X 50 BINOCULARS, 15-60X 60 B/L Zoom Scope

Light Conditions: Good, clear day, bright light from left side

Distance from Bird (how measured): Estimated, 125 feet - 450 feet.

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: Unknown Plumage: Breeding

Overall Appearance and Size: Chunky, brownish-blackish bird with short bill, comparable size to nearby Killdeer and Black-bellied Plover; Breast noticeably rusty colored

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): Short, dowitcher shaped, dark, length about same as head

Legs (shape and color): Greenish

Crown and Forehead: Brownish-mottled w black

Nape: Brownish-mottled w black Face: Rusty, brownish eye line and ear: darkish

Breast and Sides: Rusty, slight brownish dashes just in front of bend of wing

Belly and Flanks: Belly rusty, flanks rusty above white below

Undertail Coverts: Not observed

Back: Scale-like appearance, blackish, dark brown, light brown between

Wings: Grayish-brown, slightly scaled shoulder, secondaries, grayish-brown,

Underwings: Not observed Primaries: darker almost black

Rump: Grayish-brown slightly mottled with white Undertail Coverts: Grayish-brown on white

Upper Side of Tail: Grayish

Under Side of Tail: Appeared grayish

Shape of Tail: Slightly tapered to a bluntish point.

Voice: Heard clearly, 5 or 6 times, a single tomwit

Behavior: Wandered leisurely, feeding casually along side the lake shore mudflats. Once lifted wings as if to fly.

Habitat: Mudflats, along shore of freshwater reservoir, high plain

Prior Experience with this Species: Observed twice before, once on DFO field trip at Mile High Duck Club lakes and once before at Newell Lake 5/72

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Dowitchers slimmer, much longer bill, breast barred. Sanderlings smaller, breast not rusty. Dunlin smaller, longer downcurved bill, black belly whitish breast.

This Report was Written From: Notes made during ☒ after ☒ observation; Memory ☐

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