

Species: RED KNOT (Vernacular Name) CALIDRIS CANUTUS (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): 8/30/75 Time Bird Seen: 9:30 AM to 0:30 AM

Locality: NEEGRONDA RESERVOIR EADS LAKES

Nearest Town: EADS County: KEOWA

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME  
NONE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Optical Equipment: 8x40 BINOCULARS 40X WITH ZOOM SCOPE

If photographed, type of equipment used: —

Light Conditions: GOOD, SUN BEHIND OBSERVER

Distance from bird (how measured): 20 FT (ESTIMATED) ALSO OBSERVED  
IN FLIGHT, OVERHEAD

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: UNKNOWN Plumage: WINTER

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

FEEDING WITH YELLOWLEGS, STILT SANDPIPERS + PLEET.  
WHEN FLUSHED, IT CIRCLED AND PASSED OVER HEAD  
CALLING.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

BIRD OBSERVED WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE LESSER  
YELLOWLEGS IT WAS FEEDING WITH, BUT WAS CHUNKIER  
WITH A SHORT BILL FOR ITS SIZE. IT WAS VERY  
WHITE UNDERNEATH (ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN FLIGHT)  
AND GRAY ABOVE. SCALY APPEARANCE OF BACK  
NOT NOTICED AT TIME OF OBSERVATION. DARK LEGS.  
WHEN FLUSHED, PATTERN SIMILAR TO FLIGHT PLATE  
OF KNOT IN PETERSON OBSERVED. (RUMP NOT AS  
WHITE AS PICTURED IN ROBBINS, P. 123.)



Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

A LOW, BUZZY CALL, SIMILAR TO WHAT PETERSON REFERS TO AS "A LOW KNOT." ONE CALL GIVEN IN FLIGHT OVERHEAD.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

IN SHALLOW WATER NEAR MUD FLAT OF RESERVOIR.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

SHORT BILL (FOR SIZE OF BIRD) AND LACK OF WHITE STREAK UP BACK ELIMINATES DOWITCHER.

LARGE SIZE ELIMINATES SANDERLING.

SHORT, HEAVY BILL + STOCKY APPEARANCE ELIMINATE YELLOW LEGS.

DID NOT HAVE BREAST MARKINGS OF PECTORAL.

WHITISH-GRAY RUMP PATCH ELIMINATES DUNLIN.

STRAIGHT BILL ELIMINATES CURLEW SANDPIPER.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I HAVE OBSERVED KNOT IN WINTER PLUMAGE IN ILLINOIS + MICHIGAN AND HAVE SEEN THEM IN BREEDING PLUMAGE IN NORTHERN MANITOBA. I HAVE SEEN ALL SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES BEFORE, HAVING A LIFE LIST OF 45 SPECIES OF SHOREBIRD. SIXTEEN SPECIES OF SHOREBIRD WERE IDENTIFIED THE SAME DAY PREVIOUS TO SEEING THE BIRD IN QUESTION.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

BIRD IDENTIFIED FROM MEMORY, LATER CONSULTATION OF ROBBINS AND PETERSON CONFIRMED IDENTIFICATION.

This report was written from notes made during \_\_\_\_\_ after ☒ observation; from memory \_\_\_\_\_

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GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER ALSO  
OBSERVED SAME DAY + LOCATION. (IN TREES)