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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Red Knot

(Vernacular Name)

Caladris Canutus

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): Aug. 8, 1993Number of birds seen: 1Sex: ?Plumage: BasicLocality: Cherry Creek Res-Prairie LoopElevation: Aprx 5300Nearest town: Greenwood VillageCounty: ArapahoeTime(s) observed: 1825-1850Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 25 Min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

None

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Partly cloudy early evening light- Some direct sunlight, some cloud shadow. Light was from over my left shoulder. View was unobstructed.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Swift Audubon 8.5X44, Bushnell Spacemaster
60mm with 15-45 ZoomDistance, and how measured: Estimate 20 YardsIf photographed, type of equipment and film: none

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Probing for food in mud and very shallow water.Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field: Stocky, plover like build, slightly larger than killdeer.At first glance seemed to be "triple sized" peep. White Supercilium.Overall impression of dull gray/brown color. Bill all black, legs olive.Bill longer than plover type, thinning to blunt point. Bird was not observed in flight. Folded wings showed distinct dark primaries. Scapulars,

Description (continued):

Coverts and tertials were gray/brown with white fringe. Light streaking to aprx. halfway down breast, growing fainter. Breast and belly down to legs showed very faint rufous wash. Underbody from legs back to tail white. A few "freckle" spots toward tail just below folded wing primaries. Edges of uppertail coverts were exposed briefly, showing white with gray fringe. Wings extended to tip of tail. Please see attached copy of field notes made during observation prior to use of field guides.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): None

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Mudflats around shore of urban reservoir. Specific area was near inlet of small stream, in area of 1 to 2 inches of slow or still water. Numerous Killdeer and 2 Western Sandpipers in same area.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Size and shape of this bird are distinctive. Bill shape eliminates Plovers. Length of legs, size and shape of bill eliminate other large waders. Color wash on breast, tail covert markings, all black bill eliminate Great Knot.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? First observation of Red Knot. Have spent considerable time the past year concentrating on shorebird identification.


List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: Peterson Western, Shorebirds an Identification Guide (Houghton Mifflin). Field notes made prior to use of books. "Shorebirds"
- b) after observation: was used to verify field marks, and reviewed for elimination of any similar species. Talked with Jack Reddall to verify field marks and plumage.

This report was written from reports made during XXXX, after observation _____ from memory _____



Date and time report was written: Aug 9, 1993 2020 hours

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UPPER PART OF CHEST
IN AREA OF "CROOK NECK"
GROWING (AFTER 100 DAYS)
TAIL - MORE FEATHERED -
BROWN EDGES (?) 
"FINGER-LIKE" MARKS ON
SIDE OF TAIL. BILL SHAPE
LIKE CORMORANT - NOT SHARP,
BUT 
SHARP & TAIL SEEM TO
BE SAME LENGTH, LEGS
NOT BLACK

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BIGGER / KILL / STICKY BOND
GRAY / BEND / BILL LIKE PLOP
WHITE SUPERCH, SHORT LEGGED
BILL IN EYES. ~~BLACK~~ THROAT
DARK. DARK ~~OUTER~~
PRIMARIES NOTABLE WITH
WINGS FOCUSED. ^{THIN AS A LINE} LIGHT
STRENGTH, DOWN BREAST
TO LINE (SUN WEST SP)
BELLY DOWN TO LEGS HAS
PINK RUFF WASH, ^{VERY FINE} LEGS
UP RUMP WHITE. WHITE
EDGINGS ON GREY FLUFF
FEATHERS. FEW "BECKIE"
SPOTS AT HIGH RUMP AT
START OF PRIMARIES, SPOTS
ON SOME FEATHERS ON