

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: Lake Maria or Rogers Lake 5 miles east of Walsenburg, Colo
Colorado Highway 10
4. Date(s): August 22, 1970 5. Time bird seen: p.m. several minutes
and on two or 3 occasions
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): Nearly Killdeer sized and a plover like shape but the back pattern was plainly noticed right away. No other shore bird is marked like it. I followed the bird half way around the east side of the lake and flushed it at least twice to see the back pattern well - also black of breast noticed - the reddish brown in wing with one white shoulder patch and good sized white stripe noticed.
7. Description of voice, if heard: none remembered
8. Description of behavior: It would sit down - then try to hide, then fly a short distance and try to hide again although there wasn't much cover
9. Habitat: general: short-grass prairie up to edge of small lake
specific: small lake - deep with some mud flats
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: Killdeer may have similar appearance and one stripe in wing but
11. Distance (how measured?): not sure and rump and tail are reddish
12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars estimated but I was within 30 feet of the bird twice
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): clear sunny, good light not much glare, not facing into the sun
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: I had seen what I believed to be one the year before - no other experience
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare? very familiar with Killdeer
16. Other observers: few times
none - my wife was with me but she did not see the bird
17. Did others agree with your identification? none to agree or disagree
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Birds of North America Golden Press
A Field Guide to Western Birds RT Peterson pictures of back pattern convincing
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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Signature

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