

APPENDIX II

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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSpecies: Ruddy Turnstone ; Arenaria interpres
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

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Dates (s): May 15 / 86 Time Bird Seen: 7:45 to 8:00Locality: Highline Lake
Loma Colo, Mesa County
Nearest town, county and state:Optical equipment: 7X35 Binoculars, Zoom Camera lens w. eyepiece

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: prob. ♂ Plumage: Breeding adultLight conditions: fair to poorDistance from bird, and how measured: 200 ft - estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

standing w. th group of black-bellied plovers
near large flock of long-billed dowitchers

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

muddy shoreline

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Coen Dexter560 29 1/2 Rd, Grand Jct CoNOTE: coen informed me of the presence of this bird
This report is in confirmation of his report

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Striking black & white patterned head; black b.b.; black & chestnut back; black, slightly upturned bill; white belly; red legs

Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

No other shorebird looks anything like this bird

Prior experience with this and similar species:

I have observed this bird along the coast of Southern California

This report was written from notes made during _____ after _____ observation; from memory ☒.

Name (print) : Richard Levad

Mailing address: 2924 Ronda Lee Rd, Grand Jet CO 81503

Signature: Richard Levad

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c/o Curator--Zoological Collections
Denver Museum of Natural History
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← The ruddy turnstone is in the foreground between the Gulls and where I took the picture.
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Loma Mesa CO

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars & 20 power telescope (Nikon) 2X Converter on a 500mm lensIf photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: 500mm Nikon Mirror LensNumber of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult breedingLight conditions: Poor - Raining & Clouding - WindyDistance from bird, and how measured: 170 ft focal length of camera

Describe the bird's overall behavior:

Walking around on mud flat with a few hundred long-billed dowitchers and other shore birds peaking and assume he was feeding. Flew from time to time short distances.
Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Mud flat near water's edge. The flat was very wet from the rain.

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

Rich Leoad whom I called to also
See the bird.

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What caught my eye was the black and white face. The white head with black going up through the eye and black chest, white belly and red and black back, ~~that~~. The birds legs were red and the bill, short and pointed was black. The size was slightly smaller than the long billed dowitchers which were present. When a group of black bellied Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- over i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

There were so many shore birds present I could not decide which sound was coming from which bird.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Black Turnstone has no red and little white on the head.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

The ruddy turnstone was sighted just last winter in San Diego area on my winter trip.

The black turnstone is not a life lister for me.

This report was written from notes made during X after X observation; from memory .

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plouers arrived ~~to~~ the bird flew over
and joined them on a somewhat higher
mud plain. The bird was also somewhat
smaller than the plouers.