

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: Ruddy Turnstone / Arenaria interpres
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 7/31/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unk Plumage: alternate (breeding) adultLatilong: 21 Distribution Code: _____ Habitat Code: _____Locality: Nee-Sofah (Jet) Reservoir Elevation: 4000Nearest town: Eads County: KiowaTime(s) observed: about 5 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 15 minutes

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):

None

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

Bright SunOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x binocs, 20x spotting scopeDistance and how measured: 50 yards est.If photographed, type of equipment and film: photo too distant, did not turn outWho else photographed the bird: None

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

Foraging on expansive mudflat well away from shoreline

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:

larger than the 1000's of peeps it was with, and very distinctively shaped and patterned. The pied head was white above, black

Description (continued): below, with black line extending onto face.

Bill needlelike and stout at base. Legs were bright orange. The throat
was black. The wings were bright rufous and black and the
belly white

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery,
(i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

not heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

shallow, shrinking lake with broad, mucky sandbars on west edge, where
it foraged with other shorebirds

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

In breeding plumage, size (robin size) and chunky shape as well
as bright orange legs are distinctive

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Seen previously in Colorado 3 times (2 adults, 1 im), and in
California, Texas and Florida

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

a) At time of observation: none

b) After observation: none

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

Date and time report was written: 2/26/91

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