

## COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☒UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Ruddy Turnstone 1 Arenaria interpres  
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 2/7/90Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: — Plumage: adult breeding (alternaLatilong: 21 Distribution Code: — Habitat Code: —Locality: small island in New Noshe Res Elevation: 3900Nearest town: Eads County: KiowaTime(s) observed: 2 pmDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 minutesOther observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):  
NONEOther observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):  
NONELight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):  
Bright sunOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 10x Bushnell CustomDistance and how measured: 20 feet when spotted, then fartherIf photographed, type of equipment and film: NOWho else photographed the bird: NO ONEDescribe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):  
walking on sand on small island (Least Tern colony)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, smaller than Killdeer. Distinctive orange legs,  
black throat, white on top of head, black lines on face extending

Description (continued): to eye, and behind eye. IT WALKED  
slowly through coarse sand on its peculiarly short +  
stocky legs.

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

When flushed, it gave several grating call notes

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

walking on sand between vegetation clumps on Island used by Least  
Terns for nesting. It flew to opposite side of island, and I saw it along shore  
later by canoe.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Patterns of adult Ruddy Turnstone, including orange legs are distinctive

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

5th Ruddy Turnstone in Colorado, previous experience in Fla, Texas  
and California

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: 2/26/98

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