

Species: RUDDY TURNSTONEArenaria interpres

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): May 5 & 7, 1975Time Bird Seen: 3:30pm to 3:45pm ThursLocality: CF&S LakesNearest Town: PuebloCounty: Pueblo

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Carolyn Griffiths	27 Amherst apt 8 Pueblo Colo	561-2358
or another Jerry Ligon	2608 Vinewood Pueblo, Colo 81005	564-0977
dated Mary K. Red wall + Marilyn M. Kram	Pueblo, Colo	546-7834

Optical Equipment: 7x35 binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: excellent - both daysDistance from bird (how measured): estimated as close as 30 feetNumber of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: adult breeding in spring

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

shorebird, plovers like. the size of killdeer - very striking pattern standing on sandy shore with bank abruptly rising behind

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

About the size of killdeer. plover-like; rusty red back black and white face and breast pattern. bright red legs - white belly



I had seen a number of Ruddy Turnstones in Florida and Texas coast as well as a few along Calif. coast with Black Turnstones and two others in Colo. there was no mistake as to what it was. we were watching it as it stood along the shoreline. the wind was very strong so it didn't move much. I wanted Carolyn to see all of its striking pattern because she (OVER) had never seen one before. we watched it for some time and then

flushed it so she could see the bold back
pattern when it flew

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from
perch, in flight, etc:

none heard

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

more solid shore line - sandy rather than muddy
with some pieces of shale and abrupt bank with
grass which probably protected it from the wind

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

I don't know of any similar appearing
species to confuse it with - even Black
Turnstone is much different and hasn't
appeared in Colo

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Since 1969, 70 I have seen a number of Ruddy
Turnstones in near breeding plumage as well as
winter - never one this beautiful or perfect. I have
seen almost all the shorebirds that have appeared
in Colo in the state as well as in Florida, Texas
& California

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

Audubon Guides - all the Birds of Eastern and Central North
America - Richard H Pough a Field Guide to the Birds of Texas
Peterson - Birds of North America - Golden Press

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

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We came in - notified Jerry Ligon - he went out the
next day and couldn't find the bird because he mis-
understood the instructions. We went back again the
day after and found it in the same location of 1st sighting.