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SPECIES: RUDDY TURNSTONE
(Vernacular Name)ARENARIA INTERPRES
(Scientific Name)DATE(S): 9-19-93 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 9:40 TO 9:50EXACT LOCATION: SOUTH SHORE OF UNION RESERVOIRNEAREST TOWN: LONGMONT, COLO COUNTY: BOULDER

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

DAVE LEATHERMANOPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BAUSH & LOMBS CUSTOM 8X30 BINOCULARS, BUSHNELL SPACEMASTER SOPEWEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR AND SUNNYBIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD TO LEFT; SUN TO RIGHTDISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: APPROXIMATE AT 40 YDSNUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: _____ PLUMAGE: WINTERBEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: BIRD WALKED ALONG SHORE AT WATER'S EDGE WITH A HURRIED MANNER, NOT TAKING ITS TIME LIKE CALIDRIS SANDPIPERHEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.):
MEDIUM BROWNISH/GRAY ON CROWN, NAPE AND UPPER PORTION OF FACEEYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): DARK EYE WITH VERY LITTLE PATTERN TO FACELOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): BOTH MANDIBLES WERE BLACK; BILL LOOKED ^{AND SHORT} THIN AND APPEARED TO HAVE A SLIGHT UPTURN TO ITLEGS & FEET: BRIGHT ORANGISH-REDUPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): DARK BLACKISH/BROWN WITH VERY LITTLE PATTERN ON BACK; RUMP DARKUNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): UNDERPARTS WERE PURE WHITE ON BELLY AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS ~~WENT~~ WITH DARK ROUNDED PATTERNS TO UPPER BREAST AND THROAT. CHIN MOTTLED WITH DARK STREAKS OR SPOTS ON A WHITISH BASE COLOR

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): WING WERE DARKISH BROWN/BLACK WHEN FOLDED; HAS A PATTERN OF BLACK AND WHITE PATCHES WHEN FLYING. WHEN FOLDED, SOME WING FEATHERS APPEARED TO HAVE LIGHT EDGES

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):
NONE

HABITAT: SHORELINE WITH SAND, MUD AND PEBBLES MIXED.

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

NO OTHER SHOREBIRD, WITH EXCEPTIONS OF SPOTTED REDSHANK AND THE SMALL PLOVERS, HAS BRIGHT ORANGE LEGS. SPOTTED REDSHANK HAS A LONGER BILL, IS LARGER OVERALL AND IS A LIGHTER BROWNISH GRAY COLOR. SMALLER PLOVERS ARE SMALLER OVERALL, HAVE A SHORTER BILL AND HAVE A DIFFERENT COLOR AND DIFFERENT NECK AND THROAT PATTERNS. NO OTHER SHOREBIRD HAS STRIKING WING PATTERN EXCEPT WILLET. WILLET IS MUCH LARGER WITH A LONGER BILL AND OVERALL LIGHTER COLOR. NO OTHER SHOREBIRD HAS ROUNDED UPPER BREAST AND THROAT PATTERN AS RUDDY TURNSTONE

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE ^{SEEN} TWO PREVIOUS RUDDY TURNSTONES IN COLORADO PLUS NUMEROUS RUDDY TURNSTONES ALONG CALIFORNIA COAST.

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC "FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA"

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ AFTER ☒ OBSERVATION; ☐ FROM MEMORY

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