

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 Turn Stone (Vernacular Name) Arenaria interpres (Scientific Name)Date(s): 9.5.93Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: BASICLocality: BLUE LAKE OUTLET CANAL Elevation: 4000'Nearest town: LAS ANIMAS County: BENTTime(s) observed: 3:30 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 MIN.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

DAVE SILVERMAN
PO Box 362
Rye, Co. 81069

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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

FULL SUN & OCCASIONAL CLOUD COVER
SUN TO OBSERVERS LEFT AT 90°Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): ZEISS 10x40 BINOCULARSDistance, and how measured: 10 ft. - 30 ft. ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

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

FEEDING ON MUDDY BANK - EATING BEETLES

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:

BIRD WAS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN KILLDEER BUT MORE STOCKY & SHORTER
LEGGED. WINGS & TAIL FEEL ABOUT EVEN. LEGS BRIGHT ORANGE, BILL &
EYE BLACK. BILL RELATIVELY SHORT. OVERALL UPPERPARTS BROWNISH
GREY. DISTINCTIVE BLACK MARKINGS ON BREAST ENVELOPING 2 WHITES
ON EACH SIDE OF BREAST THREAT LOWER BREAST &

Description (continued):

UNDERTAIL COVERTS white. Bird did NOT Fly.

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:

Muddy shoreline with a few small weeds & rocks

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

THE UNIQUE BREAST BANDS enclosing white AREAS ELIMINATES BLACK TURNSTONE

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

HAVE SEEN SEVERAL Muddy & BLACK TURNSTONES

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

- a) at time of observation: BOOKS NOT CONSULTED FOR THIS OBSERVATION
b) after observation: BIRD SEEN WITH DAVID SILVERMAN

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

Date and time report was written: 9.13.93

Reporting observer: Bob DICKSON Signature: [Signature]

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Arenaria interpres
(Scientific Name)

Date(s): Sept. 19, + 20, 1993

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Juvenal (juvenile)

Locality: Blue Lake (Adobe Reservoir) Elevation: 4000' (1212 meters)

Nearest town: Las Animas County: Bent

Time(s) observed: 1640-1705 (Sept. 19) 0925-0930 (Sept 20) DST

Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Full sun; all sides illuminated as bird walked on mud flats. Clear sky.

Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10-30x 50 mm scope, Swarovski 8x56 binocular

Distance, and how measured: 18 meters at closest range (est.)

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird?

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Swapping on left leg
along muddy shoreline of "jetty" projecting north into reservoir, feed-
ing at water's edge (rt. leg mangled, foot dangling from leg).
Feeding leisurely, browsing among debris along shoreline. Calmly
approached closely, then flew to group of Black Terns (i) resting nearby and
Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, ^{beak} 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: Small, dark pointed bill; short orange legs. Blackish-
brown bib pattern on white breast. Belly and undertail coverts pure
white, chin white. Head dark with thin black malar line. Upperparts dark
brown, feathers edged with buff; white patches visible on upper
wings. Broad black terminal band on tail. Eye dark. Chunky
body shape. Same size as Black Terns. White rump and wing
stripe noted in flight.

Description (continued):



Bib (breast band) scalloped as shown, not a half circle. (Sept 20, 1993: seen along edge of pond near dam, feeding in mud flat with several species of shore birds, moving aside small stones to search under death and pecking at mud.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none - on Sept. 20, but on Sept. 19, when flushed by Black Tern, called a rapid "Kit-Kit-Kit". Landed nearby again.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Sandy, muddy (few rocks) edge of jetty extending into reservoir 1/3 - 1/2 mi from dam. Some vegetable debris along water's edge, many small fish, minnows in the shallow water. Large reservoir surrounded by pasture on the south/south west - south east; cattle grazing.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Pronounced bib pattern is unique. Nearest similar species: Black Turnstone - overall darker in color, including chin and entire upper breast. Legs grayer.

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

Have seen this species ^(possibly) in Colo. and Texas, Florida 1992-1993.
Have never seen Black Turnstone.

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

- a) at time of observation: "National Geo. Guide to Birds of N. Am." - used to confirm original I.D. of juvenile plumage.
b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during ^{notes, drawing} X, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: October 1, 1993

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