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SPECIES: RUDDY TURNSTONE  
(Common Name)ARENARIA INTERPRES  
(Scientific Name)DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 30 MAY 1997NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 2 SEX: MALE PLUMAGE: BREEDINGEXACT LOCATION: BETWEEN 2 CLOSED AREAS (PIPING PLOVER/LEAST TERN) ON SOUTH SHORE OF JOHN MARTIN RES. ALONG 1/4 MILE OF SANDY BEACH CLOSEST TO EASTERNMOST CLOSED AREACOUNTY: BENT NEAREST TOWN: CADDOA (OR HASTY) ELEVATION: 3,780' ±LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: TOTAL ABOUT 20 MIN. 2 TIMES OVER 2 HOURS TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: BETWEEN 11am + 2pm


OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD

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LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE

100% SUNLIGHT = 

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

B+L 8x42 ELITE BINOCULARSWAROVSKI 20-60x ZOOM ON AT-80 SCOPEDISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED): 30 TO 100 FEETWAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? NO IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? —WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? —

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

SAND BEACH WITH NO VEGETATION, BUT SOME SMALL + MEDIUM-SIZE DRIFTWOOD, ON SHORE OF LARGE RESERVOIR.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):

FEEDING WITH SMALL SHOREBIRD FLOCK INCLUDING 2 AMERICAN AVOCETS, ONE PIPING PLOVER, 6 TO 8 PEEP THAT TOOK US A LONG TIME TO IDENTIFY + SANDERLINGS. WERE FLUSHED BY TWO DOGS, BUT RELOCATED LATER TO AN ADJACENT BEACH. IN GENERAL THESE SHOREBIRDS WERE CALM IN THE FACE OF LOTS OF HUMAN, MOTOR, AND DOG NOISE AND MOVEMENT.



DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE THE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE AND HOW YOU PLACED THE BIRD IN THE GENERAL GROUP THAT YOU DID. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF PLUMAGE, INCLUDING HEAD, THROAT, UNDERSIDES, NAPE, BACK, WINGS AND TAIL. GIVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO MARKS YOU USED TO IDENTIFY THE BIRD(S). DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYE, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING THE IDENTIFICATION. (FILL OUT THIS PORTION EVEN IF PHOTOGRAPHS ARE SUBMITTED; YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, FIELD SKETCHES OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES):

SMALLER THAN A KILLDEER (WHICH WERE NEARBY FOR COMPARISON), BUT NOT BY MUCH. DIDN'T APPEAR TO BE AS CHUNKY. FIRST NOTICED RED ON BACK AND WINGS AS THE BIRDS (ALWAYS CLOSE TOGETHER) FED ALONG SHORE (NOT IN THE WATER). IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (MORE EXPECTED BY ME) AND DECIDED ON ID, BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT DIDN'T REGISTER HOW UNUSUAL THIS SPECIES IS IN COLORADO. THE BROAD BLACK BREAST BAND OR NECKLACE OR BIB WAS SOLID, UNLIKE THE TWO BANDS OF A KILLDEER. IT WAS HIGH ON THE CHEST, NOT ON BELLY AS IT WOULD BE IN A BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER. AS THE BIRDS WERE FEEDING QUIETLY (WE WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE ON THE BEACH FOR THE FIRST FEW MINUTES) IT WAS SOME TIME BEFORE THEY FLEW. MY RECOLLECTION IS OF BOLDLY PATTERNED WINGS AND BACK AND TAIL, BUT I CAN'T BE MORE SPECIFIC IN DESCRIBING THE BIRDS FROM MEMORY. ALSO DID NOT MAKE SPECIAL MENTAL NOTE OF LEG COLOR, BUT DID LOOK AT DARK POINTED BILL. FEEDING STYLE APPEARED TO BE PICKING AT THINGS RATHER THAN PROBING THRU WATER INTO SAND AS ITS COMPANIONS WERE DOING.

DID NOT PAY ATTENTION TO WHETHER THIS WAS A PAIR, BUT MY INITIAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT TWO MALES. GOT VERY INVOLVED IN PEEP ID + ID OF A MYSTERY GULL AT THIS POINT —

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

OTHER SHOREBIRDS OF THIS SIZE (BLACK TURNSTONE, DUNLIN, SURFBIRD) DO NOT SHARE SIMILAR RED, WHITE, AND BLACK PATTERN. MARGINALLY SIMILAR BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER HAS DARK LEGS AND NO RED/RUFOUS. RED-NECKED PHALAROPE HAS LONGER, THINNER BILL AND LACKS THE WIDE BLACK BIB OF RUDDY TURNSTONE. KILLDEER IS LARGER + HAS BROWNISH BACK RATHER THAN RED; 2 DISTINCT BREAST BANDS RATHER THAN 1 THICK BAND OF TURNSTONE.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES? I HAVE SEEN MANY RUDDY TURNSTONES OVER PAST 20 YEARS; 1 YEAR AGO IT WAS THE ONLY SHOREBIRD ON OUR BEACH IN BELIZE, SO I STARED AT IT FOR MANY HOURS OVER A 3-DAY PERIOD.

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

DID NOT CONSULT ANY REFERENCE SOURCE TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION. SAW ILLUSTRATION IN NGS GUIDE LATER, BUT ONLY IN PASSING. WE HAD HAYMAN'S SHOREBIRDS IN CAR, BUT DID NOT CONSULT IT ABOUT THIS SPECIES.

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OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY X.

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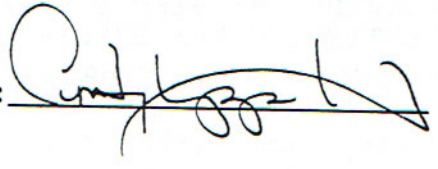
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SIGHT RECORD FORM

RESULTS : \_\_\_\_\_

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SPECIES: RUDDY TURNSTONE ARENARIA INTERPRES  
(Common Name) (Scientific Name)DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: FRIDAY MAY 30 1997NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 2 SEX: ADULT PLUMAGE: BREEDINGEXACT LOCATION: John Martin Reservoir - south side access from Road GG on a sandy road  
west of the closed off Piping Plover nesting area  
COUNTY: BENT NEAREST TOWN: East. Caddo North - Nasty ELEVATION: 3,600' approx  
at edge of shoreLENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 2-3 minutes TIME(S) OF OBSERVATION: 1

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO SAW THE BIRD(S) WITH YOU:

Cindy Hippincott

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

N/A

LIGHT CONDITIONS (QUALITY; DIRECTION RELATIVE TO BIRD(S); POSITION):

I was south of the birds with the sun at my back

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED:

Bausch & Lomb 8x42 binocularsKowa scope 300mm lens on TSU-4 was able to view at 40x

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

WAS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED? NO IF SO, HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTOS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD(S) OCCURRED:

The works were working their way along the shore at the edge  
of the sand and water.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD'S BEHAVIOR (FLYING; FEEDING; HABITS; BEHAVIORS USED IN IDENTIFYING THE SPECIES OR IN SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION):



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These 2 birds were at once very striking with their black bills and rusty rufous backs. They were larger than the Sandpeeps near by and smaller and shorter than the Killdeer nearby. Their heads were marked by a head pattern, distinctive, black through the eye and black at the forward edge of the nape/neck.

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

~~These~~ This species, in breeding plumage, as these 2 were, are distinctive and unlike any other North American shorebird.

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES?

Seen along the Texas coast and previously in Colorado (1994)

LIST BOOKS, GUIDES, RECORDINGS OR OTHER SOURCES CONSULTED AND HOW THIS INFLUENCED YOUR IDENTIFICATION (DURING AND AFTER OBSERVATION):

ID made from prior sightings though National Geographic consulted later.

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DATE OF WRITTEN REPORT: June 6, 1997

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