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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM

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RESULTS: _____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPHS AND ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.

SPECIES: Ruddy Turnstone ARENARIA INTERPRES
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE: 9-11-98

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: ONE SEX: ? PLUMAGE: BASIC/WINTER ADULT

EXACT LOCATION: NE corner of JACKSON RES.

COUNTY: MORGAN NEAREST TOWN: Wiggins ELEVATION: 4438'

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 5 min TIMES(S) OF OBSERVATION: 16:15 - 16:20

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY SAW THE BIRD(S):

- ① JOEY KEILNER ③ DICK SCHOTTIER
② NORM ERTHAL ④ GENE RUTHERFORD

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

CLEAR. SUN AT OBSERVERS BACK AND of R shoulder

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Kowa TONY 20-40x

DISTANCE FROM BIRD (ESTIMATED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

100 yds

WAS THE 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, MUD SHORELINE JACKSON RES.

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

THE BIRD WAS OBSERVED WALKING - in front, behind & amongst
A RESTING flock of Am. White Pelicans along w/ BIRD sp & R.N.
PHALAROPES. THIS BIRD WAS CONSTANTLY MOVING AND WAS NOT
VERY flighty AS REST of SHORE BIRDS. OFTEN THE ~~only~~
shorebird would TAKE off on short flights leaving only
the TURNSTONE left among the PELICANS

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE 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):

DISTINCTIVE BIRD slightly larger than surrounding BIRDS sp. with a slightly up turned ~~BE~~ DARK Bill, DARK - CIRCULAR PATTERN on BREAST, SHORT orange legs on a ~~short~~ plump body.

HEAD - Bill - DARK short slight upturned -
Generally BROWN - Lighter under EYE, chin THROAT - light (white)

BODY - Round plump - DARK, CIRCULAR BREAST collar extending from shoulder down to the center of BREAST up to the THROAT with an extension BACK across side of NECK to the NAPE. CENTER WAS WHITE.
BELLY, UNDERTAIL COVERTS WHITE

SCAPULOS, BACK - PRIMARIES - BROWN

WINGS - PATTERN NOT SEEN

LEG - Relatively SHORT, ORANGE - (DISTINCTIVE MARK)

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

- ① BIK TURNSTONE
 - ② SURF BIRDS
 - ③ ROCK / APPLE SP.
- CIRCULAR BREAST MARKING ABSENT in ALL.

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

SEEN MANY in Florida in WINTER

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

NONE USED

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ^{TAPED} NOTES MADE DURING ✓ OR AFTER _____ OBSERVATION, OR LATER FROM MEMORY _____.

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