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**COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGHT RECORD FORM**

RESULTS ACCEPT 7-0

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

SPECIES Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres
(COMMON NAME) (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

DATE(S) OF OCCURRENCE 8-14-99

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN one SEX ♂ PLUMAGE Alt

EXACT LOCATION small island in NE corner of J. Martin Res

COUNTY Bent NEAREST TOWN Hasty ELEVATION 3851

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ~4 min TIME OF OBSERVATION 0910

OTHER OBSERVERS: Brandon Percival, Dave Quisenberry, Rachel Kulicki
Maggie Boswell

LIGHT CONDITIONS - High, thin clouds, Light Breeze from South
sun on left shoulder of observers

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED: Kowa TSN-4 20-60x, Zeiss 10x40

DISTANCE FROM THE BIRD: 80-100 yds

WAS THE BIRD PHOTOGRAPHED Y(N) PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED Y(N)
WHO TOOK THE PHOTOGRAPHS? _____

DESCRIBE THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC HABITAT IN WHICH THE BIRD
OCCURRED:

General: Fresh water Res: shore line (John Martin Res)

Specific: small (20' x 10') island approx 80 yd off shore.
Rocky island with sparse vegetation (grasses) on
NW corner, partially submerged

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

The bird was 1st observed on the NE corner of the island walking along the shore line. Occasionally walking around gulls (RBill, FRGa, GBBG Ca Gu) It once flushed with the gulls when approached by a jet ski but returned to the island. It then flew west off the island with one BASA to a point further down shore.

DESCRIBE THE BIRD IN DETAIL. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS REPORT. INCLUDE OVERALL SIZE AND SHAPE, AND HOW YOU PLACES 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 ID. THE BIRD. DESCRIBE OTHER DETAILS SUCH AS COLOR AND SHAPE OF BILL, LEGS, EYES, ETC. THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO MAKING THE ID.. (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, DRAWINGS, SKETCHES, OR COPY OF FIELD NOTES) :

This bird was slightly larger, more chunky with shorter legs as compared to NEARBY Baird's Sandpiper

HEAD - Bill & EYES - black; Background color of head was white with a black 'CROSS' extending across the side of the face. VERTICAL aspect EXTENDED from the EYE DOWN TO THE BREAST connecting with the black '6.6'. The Horizontal Aspect EXTENDED from the Bill base across the face below the Auricular COVERTS on to the nape. They did NOT appear join with the opposite side. Crown - was darker but did NOT appear black. Lores, chin & throat white

Body : Black "6.6" ~~extending~~ circulating down from breast & back up joining the shoulder of the folded wing; belly, flanks, vent & under tail coverts - white. Back & wings - Alternating Black & Reddish Brown "V"s, starting with a REDDISH brown (reddy) triangle at the nape then a Black V on back, Black Tipped Ruddy ~~2nd~~ secondary coverts and black 1st feathers.

Primary EXTENSION WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO TAIL LENGTH

Legs - Short, ORANGE

In flight - wings - band black, white, black banded appearance
Rump & Tail also had white, black white black banded appearance

DISCUSS SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW YOU ELIMINATED THEM:

The circular bib pattern & orange legs pretty much are diagnostic

WHAT IS YOUR PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES: *I have seen quite a few of these.*

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

Nat. Geo 2nd ED. Birds of N. America for Latin NAME

THIS REPORT WAS MADE FROM ^{Taped}NOTES MADE DURING ✓ OR AFTER
OBSERVATION, ~~OR~~ ^{And} LATER FROM MEMORY ✓.

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