

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form
(Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.)

CBRC FILE #: 2002-121

RESULTS:

Species: (Common Name): Ruddy Turnstone

(Scientific Name): Arenaria interpres

Date(s) of occurrence: May 20, 2001

Number of birds seen: 1

Sex: ? (adult)

Plumage: alternate

Exact location: Bonny Reservoir: on a sandbar on the north shore, visible to the east from where the road bends west

County: Yuma

Nearest town:

Elevation:

Length of observation: 15 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 2:00 PM

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: Andrew Spencer, Randy Yuen

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s):

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: mostly sunny; sun was at our backs

Optical equipment used: Nikon EB Fieldscope with 20-45x zoom eyepiece

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 80 yards at closest approach

Was (Were) bird(s) photographed? No

If so, are you submitting photos?

Who took the photograph(s)?

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: The sandy part of a finger of land jutting a short ways into the reservoir.

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was foraging within a few feet of the water's edge. There were good numbers of other shorebirds around, as well as terns and gulls; this bird essentially kept to itself.

DESCRIPTION -- The bird had a black breast, a white belly and undertail, mostly ruddy/rufous brown wings and back with black on the upper back, posterior scapulars and primaries; a complicated black-and-white face pattern; bright red-orange legs; and a short black upturned bill. It was approximately Killdeer-sized.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: The bird was silent.

SIMILAR SPECIES -- There really are no similar species.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I have seen this species many times, particularly on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where I had opportunities to study and photograph them over the course of four days.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how these influenced your identification (during and after observation):

This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☒ notes made after observation ☐ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: March 19, 2003

Reporting observer: Nathan Pieplow

Signature:

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