

UNUSUAL RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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1 bird

1. (Short-billed) Dowitcher, Limnodromus griseus

2. Antero Reservoir, Park County, Colorado

4. August 19, 1973      & 6:00 p.m.

6. Description: A flock of about 30 Dowitchers was wheeling above Antero Res.; all had a bright cinnamon cast to breast and back except one whitish one. After the flock had alit, about 10 minutes later, I found a single dowitcher, feeding several hundred yards from the others. It flew into this site (next to a cage full of captured ducks), displaying the diagnostic white stripe on the tail-to-back.

This bird had a whitish breast, and its general tone was grayish. The marks which I specifically noted are those under the tail; the pattern was that of spotted bars; i.e., the bird had spots which were arranged in a pattern of bars or stripes, under the tail--under-tail-coverts. They were not the continuous bars of the typical Long-billed.

When the bird flushed, he uttered the indeterminate call, "tu-tu", a <sup>clear</sup> whistle rather than a "keek."

This record is submitted, on the urging of Harold Holt, because of another alleged Short-billed Dowitcher this fall, and because of the possibility it might have been of that species.

The bird was seen at a distance of about 25 feet through 7x35 Bushenss binoculars and a 25 power Bushnell telescope.

Light was cloudy bright.

I have seen Short-billed Dowitchers in California, and recall as an identification feature the pattern of the under tail-coverts. I have not yet consulted any reference books except Robbins to find out the scientific name, since unlike Thompson Marsh, I don't know them.

No other observers.

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