

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

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Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: Lesser Golden-Plover Pluvialis dominica
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Sept. 19, 1993Number of birds seen: 4 Sex: ? Plumage: Basic (winter) - possibly juvenileLocality: Blue Lake (Adobe Reservoir) Elevation: 4000' (1212 meters)Nearest town: Las Animas County: Bent
(1st bird) (3 birds)Time(s) observed: 1015-1038 1425-1442 DSTDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 40 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Dave Johnson
1920 Greenwood
Pueblo, Co. 81003(719) 545-5548} observed 3 birds in p.m.
with me.

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

Full sun from above and from directly behind, illuminating all sides of bird.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10-30x50mm scope; Swarovski 8x56 binoc.Distance, and how measured: As close as 9 meters, other sightings 20-30 meters (est.)If photographed, type of equipment and film: —Who else photographed the bird? —Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying): Slowly walking inmud flats of small pond near dam of reservoir. Also feeding in muddy, flooded field adjacent to jetty reaching north into reservoir. Walking along edge of water, halting gait, warily turning head sideways, scanning sky. Feeding on minnows, swallowing them head first. Flushed, flew away, to land on nearby mud flats.Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field: Slightly smaller than Black-bellied Plover seen feedingwith single bird in a.m.: Bill black and size smaller overall: shorter & thinner. Upperparts med. to dark brown with gold, white and black speckling. Light-colored eye brow (supercilium); cheek patch with darker liv spot. Sides of neck, breast and belly spotted/streaked with gray/light brown tones; long, black legs. When flushed, dark rump and tail; upper wings uniform in color (lacked strong white wing stripes).

Description (continued):

Light gray underwings and darker gray axillaries noted on single bird seen in a.m. Underwings not visible on other birds.
Dark eye.

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): In a.m.: a loud, 2-tone whistle given in flight, repeated 2-3 x.

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: on and above mud flat, residual ponds (Blue Lake retreating) and at edge of jetty extending into reservoir. Flooded grassy field beginning to emerge from water. Area surrounded by pastureland and grazing cattle.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? Black-bellied Plover - has white rump & white barred tail and strong upper wing white stripe in flight; black axillaries; larger overall size and 3-note whistle call.
Buff-breasted Sandpiper - smaller size, dainty bill, yellow legs, white underwings and axillaries, buffy face and breast.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? 1st sighting of Lesser Golden-plover. Have seen 30+ Black-bellied Plovers 1992, 1993 in Colo. and Texas both spring and fall migrations. Saw ⁽¹⁾ Buff-breasted Sandpiper Sept 1993.

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) Before observation: had been listening to bird calls of above species (Cornell Lab audio tape);
at time of observation: "National Geo: Guide to Birds of N. Am." - confirmed I.D.
b) after observation: "Audubon Soc. Encyclopedia of N. Am. Birds" to study feeding habits and juvenile plumage - confirmed I.D.

This report was written from ^{notes} reports made during x, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: Oct. 2, 1993

Reporting observer: KARLEEN SCHOFIELD Signature: Karleen Schofield

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Species: American Golden Plover Pluvialis dominica
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): 9.12.93Number of birds seen: 4 Sex: ? Plumage: Basic (Non-Breeding)Locality: Blue Lake Elevation: 4000 ft.Nearest town: Las Animas County: BentTime(s) observed: 2-2:45 PMDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 45 min.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

DAVE SILVERMAN
PO Box 362
Rye, Co. 81069

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

full sun to occasionally cloudy. Bird fully illuminated
sun to observer's back.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): QUESTAR 54X, Zeiss 10x40 BinocsDistance, and how measured: 50 yds. - ESTIMATED

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

Both flying & feeding on shoreline of receding slough

Describe in detail the bird's relative size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern. Include details of bill, wing and tail shape. Give particular emphasis to marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions and illustrations is not enough. Describe only what you actually observed in the field:

About Killdeer size but shorter neck, tail and a little plumper.
Overall color medium brown & brownish-grey breast. Prominent
whitish supercilium & brownish (not grey) cap. Medium black bill.
Dark eye. Belly & undertail coverts whitish, when bird flew

Description (continued):

UPPER WINGS UNIFORMLY BROWNISH-GRAY WITHOUT WING BAR
RUMP & TAIL UNIFORMLY BROWNISH AND SAME COLOR AS BACK

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

NOT HEARD

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:

Muddy shoreline of a receding slough adjacent to
Blue Lake

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

Black Belled Plover 1) observed Bird had uniformly dark underwings
2) " " NO BLACK AXILLARIES
3) " " HAD NO WHITE RUMP OR WING BARS
Pacific Golden Plover 1) " " lacked the bright buffy
Golden back of typical fall

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

Have seen Black Belled plovers in Breeding & Basic plumage
" " Pacific Golden Plovers in Breeding & Basic plumages

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

- a) at time of observation: NATH Geographic Guide, Shorebirds (Hayman),
Dave Silverman
b) after observation: Hayman confirmed that back color was not
Bright enough for P. fulva

This report was written from reports made during ☒, after observation ☒ from memory ☐

Date and time report was written: 9.13.93

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