

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER | Tryngites subruficollis 2. Number: 1
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)
3. Location: CF&I Lakes, Pueblo County, Colorado
4. Date(s): April 27, 1971 5. Time bird seen: 1:30? to 2:00?
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):
- While birding at the SW side of CF&I Lakes we observed a very bird in the grass with a killdeer. we scared to bird and it flew to the lake shore. There we noticed it was a buff colored down to the tail, a faint eyering, and the light legs. We the flushed the bird to see if there was a contrast between the bony and underwings, and there were. When it flew it had a jerky flight.
7. Description of voice, if heard: We heard its trill call.
8. Description of behavior: When first observed it was in a grassy area.
9. Habitat--general: Lake-grass areas-mudflat
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:
upland plover-larger, and has white below on breast
11. Distance (how measured?): 30ft. estimated
12. Optical equipment: 7-35x binoculars--20-45x scope
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
sunny-clear--sun at our backs.
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
A life bird for both of us.
15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?
I knew there were very few state records.
16. Other observers: Jolan (Joey) Truan
17. Did others agree with your identification? yes.
18. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none
19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Field Guide to Western Birds and Birds of North America
were used in the field observation and my notes were used for this.
20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:
- Van A. Truan John P. Truan Street Address: 2510 Elizabeth
- Signature
- Date Prepared: December 19, 1972 City and State: Pueblo, Colorado

(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)