

## VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

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1. Species: Buff Breasted Sandpiper *Tyrngites subruficollis* 2. Number: 1  
 (Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

3. Location: CF&D lakes, 7 miles south of Pueblo, Colorado

4. Date(s): Oct 6, 1968

5. Time bird seen: late afternoon to 5:15 minutes

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): A medium sized sandpiper with brownish as tan overall appearance especially belly and breast, short bill - very definitely stood out with the numerous other smaller sandpipers - Western, Baird's least, and semipalmated which covered the mud flats - it was not wary, I was able to approach within 100 feet of it and observe it carefully for several minutes

7. Description of voice, if heard: none heard

8. Description of behavior: mostly standing, some feeding - no rapid movements remembered - more typical shore bird behavior

9. Habitat - general: short grass prairie

specific: mud-flats from receding shallow lake

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain: nothing that I was aware of could have resembled it because of its buff color

11. Distance (how measured?): estimated - 100 feet and less

12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer): Good sun was to my back - I was between sun and the bird

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species: It was in good view no experience with Buff Breasted - Familiar with other sandpipers

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

I had not heard of it being in the Pueblo, Area

16. Other observers:

none

17. Did others agree with your identification?

no one to agree or disagree

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

none

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation: Birds of North America - Golden Press

A Field Guide to Western Birds - R. Peterson

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

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