

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - BIRD RECORD REPORT
☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD ☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-OWS FILE NO. 12-77-67
☒ ACCEPTED ☐ REJECTED

Species: BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

Tryngites subruficollis

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): September 4, 1977

Time Bird Seen: _____ to _____

Locality: Jackson Reservoir

Nearest Town: Goodrich

County: Morgan

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Jack Reddall

Others may have seen it the next day, but I am not sure.

Optical Equipment: 15-60X Zoom telescope

If photographed, type of equipment used: _____

Light Conditions: Bright and sunny; sun shining from behind us on the bird.

Distance from bird (how measured): Minimum estimated distance-about 100 ft.

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: _____

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

The bird was observed foraging along the dry portions of a sandy beach. It was in a small, scattered and loosely organized flock of Baird's Sandpipers.

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

Medium-sized shorebird-about the size of a Baird's Sandpipers, but slimmer, with a small head and longer neck. Legs also longer(yellow in color). Bill about the length of the head, black in color, fairly thin. Face, throat, breast rich buffy in color, fading to white on undertail coverts. Underparts unmarked except for a few short streaks on side of breast. Inconspicuous white eyering. Crown with numerous short blackish streaks. Back and wings blackish-brown, each feather edged with whitish, creating a scaly appearance. Tail short, tipped in blackish. In flight, underwings flashed silver.

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Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None heard.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Broad, sandy beach of a large plains irrigation reservoir.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Baird's Sandpiper-Chunky, with shorter neck, black legs, some streaking on a pinkish-buffy breast.

Ruff(Reeve)-Quite similar, but averages larger. Two large oval patches on rump clinches that bird(the bird we saw did not have that-it had a black rump only narrowly edged with black-the typical peep rump pattern).

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I have seen Buff-breasted Sandpiper in Colorado 4 times previously(7 individuals), plus once in Nebraska(1 individual). All observations were fall(22 Aug-10 September).

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None consulted, none needed. I instantly recognized the bird as a Buff-breasted Sandpiper when I saw it, and Jack concurred with little hesitation. The bird is so distinctive as to provide little difficulty when seen well by experienced observers.

This report was written from notes made during ___ after X observation; from memory ___

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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT

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☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFO-ORC FILE NO. 19-77-67

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Species: BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

(Vernacular Name)

Tryngites subruficollis

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): September 4, 1977

Time Bird Seen: 1:00 P.M. to 1:15 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.

Locality: Jackson Reservoir

Nearest Town: Goodrich

County: Morgan

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

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Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars; 15X-60X Zoom telescope

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Bright sunlight directly upon bird

Distance from bird (how measured): 100 feet, estimated

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Fall adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

Observed feeding at water's edge along sandy beach immediately below dam. Three Baird's Sandpipers and one Spotted Sandpiper were with the bird. Occasionally the birds chased each other, but mostly the Buff-breasted Sandpiper fed slowly and quietly.

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

Slightly and noticeably larger than the three Baird's Sandpipers which were nearby for comparison. About same size as Spotted Sandpiper which was also nearby. Bill, slender, black, approximately a little longer than head. Small headed. Eye dark with only faint trace of a white eye ring. Face, throat and all underparts including undertail Coverts soft buffy, without spotting, barring or any other marks. Top of head, nape buff-brown streaked finely with black. Back and wing Coverts highly scaled in appearance. Rump, brown. Tail, short and brown tipped with black. Legs, yellowish. Wings, brownish above in flight, flashing white from below.

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Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No sound heard.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Sandy beach along large freshwater reservoir.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

RED KNOT: Much chunkier. Larger. Lacks eyering. In breeding plumage breast is pale red, not buffy. Undertail Coverts white. Rump light gray. Noticeable wing Stripe. (Probably would be in gray winter plumage by now).

UPLAND SANDPIPER: Larger. Long tail. Breast brown prominently marked with black barring. Undertail Coverts white.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Seen only once before in September 1971 at Cherry Creek Reservoir. Have "1000's" of Red Knots on east coast in all plumages.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

None consulted.

This report was written from notes made during x after x observation; from memory

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