

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD REPORT

☒ RARE OR UNUSUAL RECORD

☐ NEW STATE RECORD

CFC ORC FILE NO. 19-77-69

☒ ACCEPTED ☐ REJECTED

Species: Buff-breasted Sapsucker
(Vernacular Name)

Tryngites subruficollis
(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Sept. 7, 1977

Time Bird Seen: 9:30 to 9:50

Locality: Cherry Creek R.A.

Nearest Town: Gunn

County: Arapahoe

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

John Cooper, that day.

Optical Equipment: Bushnell 10 X 50

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: clear, sun on my back

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

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

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

It was walking + feeding along the sandy beach, and did not get very close to the water.

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:

About the size of a Spotted Sapsucker, long yellow legs, long neck, small head, black bill. General color sandy with contrast between unmarked head and neck, and darker scaly back. Unmarked buffy breast shades to light belly. I was careful not to flush it, so that it might be seen by others, + so did not see the under wings. Nor did I see any red around the dark eye.

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

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Sandy beach at shallow end of lake.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

Large with light head, and with unmarked
buffy underparts not streaked and not white as in
Least Sandpiper which also has black bill & yellow legs.

The Pectoral has a black bill & greenish yellow legs
but is larger, has a supercilious line, and sharp
demarcation between breast & belly.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

I can't remember whether I had seen ~~one~~ one
or perhaps three previously, years ago. Many Pectorals
& Least.

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

None except in prior years

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

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