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COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD ☐UNUSUAL RECORD ☒

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

Species: Buff-breasted Sandpiper Tryngites subruficollis
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): September 11, 1983Number of birds seen: two Sex: und Plumage: undLocality: Barr Lake Elevation: 5100'Nearest town: Brighton County: AdamsTime(s) observed: 8:30-8:40Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 10 min.Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):
Doug Ward and Mike Middleton

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 at observers backOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7X50 Binocs and 20X spotting scopeDistance, and how measured: 100 feet; 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):
The bird was feeding along the shore of the Lake. They appeared in loose association with other shorebirds.

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 observe in the field:

The birds were slightly larger than nearby Baird's Sandpiper. When at rest the birds stood erect rather than hunched over like "peeps". At rest the uniform buffy coloring separated it from other shorebird species. The birds had a light colored eye-ring, and a short thin black bill. The back was darker than underparts, with buffy feather edging giving a scaled appearance. The legs appeared as a washed out yellow.

In flight the white of the under wing contrasted with the breast and belly. The elbows appeared black.

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration): none heard

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:
wet open ground close to water's edge.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? The overall buffy color seperated it from all other regularly occuring species.

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

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

a) at time of observation: Birds Of North America (Robbins...)

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory ☒
Date and time report was written: 9:00pm January 22, 1984

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