

APPENDIX II

19-86-23

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DOCUMENTATION OF RARE BIRD SIGHTINGS
FOR
THE COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS' RECORDSSame as
19-85-32Species Buff-breasted sandpiper; Lyrurus subruficollis
(Vernacular name) (Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students -- those studying occurrences 50 years from now -- must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Dates (s): 9/7/85 - 9/8/85 Time Bird Seen: 10³⁰A - 12¹⁵P 9/7 9⁰⁰A - 9³⁰A 9/8Locality: CF #1 pondsPueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado

Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: 10X20 binoculars; 15-60X Veddars; Bushnell scope

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: unknown Plumage: _____Light conditions: sunny, sun to our backs; calm in a.m. - windier @ noonDistance from bird, and how measured: 75 feet - estimatedDescribe the bird's overall behavior: feeding in mud, preening, hopping, bathing; fairly tame

Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird:

9/7 - along muddy edge of CF#1 pond, 1 in shallow mud-pool
9/8 - high, dry, further from water's edge

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough). Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Slightly smaller than pectoral sandpiper (seen near the bird). Thin white eye ring; buffy head, breast & undertail coverts. Crown streaked with spots, lightly spotted on flanks. Dark back, feathers on wings edged with buff. Under side of wings white & silver. Held right leg up with foot abducted laterally - apparently injured but flew well. Light buffy color above upper

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

N/A

→ mandible, with feathering extending & further on lower mandible.

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

Brown color, longish neck, smallish head.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

First time seen

This report was written from notes made during _____ after ☒ (immediately) observation; ☐ from memory.

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