

CFO-ORC FILE # 19-93-90

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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): 9.5.93Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: F Plumage: BasicLocality: Blue Lake Elevation: 4000 ft.Nearest town: LAS ANIMAS County: BENTTime(s) observed: 2 P.M.Duration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 30 MIN.

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

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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):

SUNLIGHT & BROKEN CLOUDS  
SUN TO OBSERVER'S BACKOptical equipment used (e.g. power, types): QUESTAR 54X, ZEISS 10X40Distance, and how measured: 10 yds - 30 yds 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):

Feeding ON MUDDY shoreline EATING flies & OTHER  
SURFACE INSECTS.

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 observed in the field:

Size only slightly larger than adjacent Bairds sandpiper.  
No more than 1/2", BUT plumper with more "hunch back"  
NOT AS streamlined AS BAIRDS & WINGS NOT PROJECTING  
BEYOND TAIL. OVER-COLOR PATTERN MUCH MORE BROWN THAN  
BUFF ALTHOUGH THE PLAIN UNMARKED FACE & CENTER OF



**Description (continued):**

BREAST DID show slight Buff LIGHT BROWN mottling  
WAS VISIBLE ON UPPER SIDES OF BREAST. RELATIVELY  
LONG legged. LEGS DULL YELLOW AND SOMEWHAT THICK.  
LARGE PROMINENT DARK EYE. <sup>SHORT POINTED DARK BILL.</sup> BELLY & UNDERTAIL COVERTS-  
WHITE, WHEN BIRD RAISED WINGS PURE WHITE. WINGS  
& FLIGHT FEATHERS NOTED. BIRD LACKED THE BRIGHT RUFOUS  
IN CENTER OF BACK FEATHERS SO NOT A JUVENILE. SMALL SIZE THOUGHT  
TO REPRESENT A FEMALE.  
Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight,  
duration):

NOT HEARD.

**Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird:**

Shoreline of AN EVAPORATING slough ADJACENT  
TO BLUE LAKE - MOSTLY MUD WITH SOME  
VEGETATION.

**How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?**

THIS BIRD WAS LARGER THAN ALL ADJACENT "DEEPS"  
BUT NO MORE THAN 1/2" LONGER THAN BAIRDS, BUT  
THIS BIRD HAD DULL YELLOW LONGISH LEGS. OTHER THAN  
BAIRDS THERE WERE NO BIRDS WITH SIMILAR APPEARANCE

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

THIS BIRD WAS A "LITER" THERE WERE MANY  
ADJACENT BAIRD'S SANDPIPER'S. WHICH THIS BIRD MOST  
CLOSELY RESEMBLED.

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

- a) at time of observation: IDENTIFICATION BASED ON REVIEWING  
SHORE BIRDS (HAYMAN), NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC,  
b) after observation: PETERSON, ROBBINS PRIOR TO OBSERVATION  
& DISCUSSION WITH DAVE SILVERMAN  
DURING OBSERVATION.

This report was written from reports made during ☒, after observation ☒ from memory ☐

Date and time report was written: 9.13.93

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