

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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

Species: Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Tryngites subruficollis*
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)Date(s): Sept. 10, 1993Number of birds seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Juvenal (juvenile)Locality: McNosh Reservoir Elevation: 3800' (1151 meters)Nearest town: Lamar County: KiowaTime(s) observed: 1747-1806 DSTDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): 19 min

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

None

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

NoneLight conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light): Partly cloudy to overcast. Storm moving in from west. Seen in direct full after noon sun which illuminated all sides as bird walked and flew about until clouds obscured sun near end of observations.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): Bushnell 10-30x 50mm Scope
Swarovski 8x56 BinocDistance, and how measured: 37 yds (stepped off after bird left) [34 meters]
and farther.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): Bird flew into shore to join 8 killdeer feeding at the edge of the water; walked away from water, higher up on shore, to feed in areas of low-growing vegetation, pecking casually at the ground. Appeared calm as it approached on hands & knees. Flew up and away, then circled back to same place & fed again.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: A delicate looking bird with longish, yellow legs. Small round head on thin, long neck; very small, pointed bill. Dark eye, fore- and side-neck, chin, throat and upper breast warm buff, fading to lighter buff on rest of underparts, including undertail coverts, which were very light in color. Forehead, crown & nape finely streaked with brown. Upperparts dark brown with buff edging on feathers creating a scaly pattern. Fine dark brown spotting from

Description (continued):

nape, down sides of neck to sides of breast, ending in front of shoulder. Underwings white in flight. Bird was smaller by 2" or more (5cm+) than Killdeer nearby. Short, dark tail, plump body.

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

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: Shorelines of large reservoir: At water's edge at first, then wandering away from water, 6-7 meters, feeding similar to Killdeer style in black sandy/muddy with ground-cover type vegetation higher up on beach a preferred feeding area.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species? ^{Mr. Plover: thicker bill, dark gray legs, black/buffy color on face + upper underparts, has white superciliary line}
Upland Sandpiper: much larger overall, including bill. Lacks plain buffy coloration on face, throat & breast. Has streaking down very long neck that continues down breast and sides and belly. Underwings heavily streaked, longer tail. Golden Plover - has stubbier bill, gray underwing and axillaries, black legs, larger body size, saw patch. ^{1993 on 3 occasions, I have never seen Buff-br. Sandpiper before 9/10. Saw 4 Lesser Golden - Plovers in Sept. 1993.}

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

- a) at time of observation: "National Geo. Guide to Birds of N. Am." - Confirmed original I.D.
b) after observation: "The Audubon Soc. Encyclopedia of N. Am. Birds" - confirmed orig. I.D.

This report was written from ^{notes & drawing} reports made during X, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: Oct. 3, 1993

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