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SPECIES: BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER | TRYNGITES SUBRUFICOLLIS
(Vernacular Name) (Scientific Name)

DATE(S): 9-1-95 TIME OF OBSERVATION: 9:30 A.M. TO 11:20 A.M.

EXACT LOCATION: JUMBO RESERVOIR, SOUTHWEST CORNER

NEAREST TOWN: CROOK, COLORADO COUNTY: LOGAN

OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD:

DAVE LEATHERMAN, DAVE ELY AND MYSELF WENT BACK TO JUMBO ON THE 4TH AND LOCATED TWO OTHER BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS DIFFERENT THAN THIS BIRD

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: BUSHNELL SPACEMASTER 40X SCOPE, BAUSCH & LOMB 8X36 BINOCULAR

WEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR AND SUNNY

BIRD/SUN ORIENTATION: BIRD IN FRONT OF OBSERVER, SUN OVERHEAD AND SLIGHTLY TO RIGHT

DISTANCE FROM BIRD AND HOW MEASURED: APPROXIMATED AT 100 FEET

NUMBER OF BIRDS SEEN: 1 SEX: PLUMAGE: JUVENILE

BEHAVIOR AND DEMEANOR: THE BIRD WOULD WALK SLOWLY THROUGH THE SHORT WEEDS AND GRASS, GLEANING FORAGE ITEMS FROM THE LEAVES AND GROUND. DURING PAUSES IN ITS FORAGING, THE BIRD WOULD RAISE ITS HEAD SO THAT THE NECK WAS EXTENDED. OCCASIONALLY IT WOULD FLUSH WITH THE KILLDEER ALSO IN THE WEEDS, FLY IN A CIRCULAR PATTERN AND LAND NEAR WHERE IT HAD RISEN FROM.

HEAD & NECK (forehead, crown, auricular & malar regions, median line, etc.): THE CROWN WAS STREAKED BROWN. THE FACE WAS BUFFY TAN WITH NO FACIAL PATTERN. THE NECK WAS LONG AND SKINNY, THE BACK OF WHICH WAS THE SAME COLOR AS THE CROWN AND THE FRONT A LIGHTER BUFF THAN FACE.
EYES & LORES (supercilium, eye-ring, eye-stripe, color, etc.): THE EYES WERE DARK BROWN OR BLACK WITH NO PATTERN AROUND THE EYE. THE AREA ABOVE THE EYE WAS DARKER BUFF THAN CHIN AND NECK

LOWER & UPPER MANDIBLES (color & shape): THE BILL WAS SOMEWHAT SHORT AND BLACK, TAPERING TO A FINE POINT

LEGS & FEET: LEGS AND FEET WERE A BRIGHT YELLOW, MORE VIVID THAN THE USUAL PECTORAL SANDPIPER

UPPERPARTS (nape, back, rump, uppertail coverts, etc.): THE BACK WAS A DARKER BROWN WITH A SCALY PATTERN CAUSED BY THE DARK FEATHER CENTERS WITH A VERY LIGHT BUFF OR WHITE FEATHER EDGING. THE BACK COLOR SEEMED TO EXTEND ONTO THE RUMP. THE NAPE WAS A DARKER BROWN BLENDING FROM THE STREAKS ON THE CROWN TO ~~THE~~ MORE DENSE STREAKING ON LOWER NECK

UNDERPARTS (chin, throat, belly, sides, flanks, crissum, etc.): THE ENTIRE UNDERSIDE WAS VERY LIGHT, BLENDING FROM LIGHT BUFF AT THE THROAT, DOWN TO THE YELLOW LEGS AND PROGRESSING LIGHTER AT THE VENT AND UNDERTAIL COVERTS. THIS BUFF ALMOST HAD A FAINT YELLOWISH SHEEN.

RETRICES (inner, middle & outer tail feathers; color, pattern, shape, etc.):

THE TAIL APPEARED TO BE DARKER THAN THE BACK OR
UPPERTAIL COVERTS WITH NO WHITE OUTER TAIL FEATHERS

WINGS (color, length, shape, bars, coverts, etc.): THE WINGS ALSO HAD A
SCALY PATTERN, THOUGH THE FEATHER EDGES APPEARED SLIGHTLY DARKER
BUFF THAN EDGES ON BACK. OTHERWISE SAME COLOR AS BACK. NO
WING STRIPE APPEARED WHILE IN FLIGHT. UNDERSIDE OF WINGS APPEARED VERY LIGHT

VOCALIZATION (call/song, method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight):

NONE THAT I HEARD

HABITAT: DRIED WEEDY BAY OF JUMBO RESERVOIR; I BELIEVE THE
NAME OF THE SMALL WEEDS IS "LAMBS QUARTER"

ELIMINATION OF SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

THE BAIRDS SANDPIPERS THAT ALSO WERE WITH THE KILLDEER HAD A
DISTINCT BREAST BAND AND THE NECKS WERE MUCH SHORTER. ALSO THE
BAIRDS HAD DARK LEGS AND A THIN WHITISH WING STRIPE. THE BUFF
BREASTED SANDPIPER WAS JUST SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN A KILLDEER. THE
BAIRDS WERE QUITE A BIT SMALLER. PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, WHICH
ALSO WOULD HAVE YELLOW LEGS, HAVE A VERY DENSE BREAST PATTERN
LESSER YELLOWLEGS HAVE WHITE UNDERNEATH AND A MUCH LONGER BILL.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILARLY APPEARING SPECIES:

I HAVE NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER, BUT
I HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH ALL OF THE OTHER SMALLER
SHOREBIRD SPECIES. THIS BIRD REMINDED ME OF A SMALL, VERY
LIGHT COLORED UPLAND SANDPIPER. WHEN EXTENDED, THE NECK WAS
SO SKINNY THAT IT APPEARED TO BE $\frac{2}{3}$ THE WIDTH OF THE
HEAD

BOOKS, ILLUSTRATIONS AND ADVICE CONSULTED THAT INFLUENCED THIS REPORT:

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC "FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA";
AUDUBON'S "MASTER GUIDE" SERIES; HARRISON'S "SHOREBIRDS" BOOK

THIS REPORT WRITTEN FROM NOTES MADE DURING ☒ AFTER ☐ OBSERVATION; ☐ FROM MEMORY

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