

Colorado Field Ornithologists Sight Record Form**2002-82**

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

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CBRC FILE # **2002-82****RESULTS:**

Species: (Common Name) Buff-breasted Sandpiper

(Scientific Name) Tryngites subruficollis

Date(s) of occurrence: Sept. 6, 2002

Number of birds seen: one

Sex: Adult

Plumage:

Exact location: short weedy shoreline of south shore of Milton Res.

County: Weld

Nearest town: Platteville

Elevation: 4900 feet

Length of observation: 15 minutes

Time(s) of observation: 09:15 to 09:30

Other observers who saw the bird(s) with you: none

Other observers who independently saw the bird(s): none

Light conditions (quality; direction relative to bird(s) and observers position: sunny, wind calm, sun off observers right shoulder.

Optical equipment used: Kowa TSN4 20 x 40

Distance to bird(s) (estimated, unless otherwise noted): 30 to 100 yards

Was (were) bird(s) photographed? yes

If so, are you submitting photos? Yes

Who took the photograph(s)? Ric Olson

Describe the general and specific habitats in which the bird(s) occurred: Reservoir shoreline

Describe the bird's (birds') behaviors, particularly behaviors that were used in supporting the identification, e.g., flying, feeding, habits: The bird was observed, preening, foraging, resting and flying in the short, weedy shore next to the water at Milton Res.

DESCRIPTION -- This is the most important part of this report. Include in these details the overall size and shape of the bird, how you placed the bird in the general group that you did, and give as many plumage details as possible, even including those that you feel might not have relevance to the specific identification. Features to include are the color(s) and/or patterns of the head, eyes, bill, back, folded wings, open wings, tail, chin, throat, breast, sides, flanks, belly, vent, and legs. Also, please include, where possible, shape of the whole bird, of the wings -- folded or open, of the bill, and of the tail. Please fill out this portion even if photos are accompanying your report. We welcome attachments of additional sheets of description, drawings, field sketches, or copies of field notes.

I first noticed this bird flying. It brought attention because there was no white visible on the top side when it was flying. The bird was approximately the size of the nearby Killdeer. Its bill was about the same length as the head width, black. The head was a pale buff with a prominent black eye. The neck, breast, belly was a pale buff, slightly lighter than the head. The legs were yellow. The nape, back and wings had a very scaled look to them. The feathers had dark centers with pale buff edges. The vent and undertail coverts were almost white looking. In flight the wing linings were white.

Describe the bird's (birds') call(s) and/or song(s), if noted: none heard

SIMILAR SPECIES -- This is another critical part of your report. Please discuss how you eliminated similar species from consideration: The plain buff face with dark eye and buff under parts is distinctive. A Reeve would be much larger, have greenish leg color and show white in the tail during flight.

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species? I had seen four other individuals in Colorado.

List books, guides, recordings, or other sources consulted and how this influenced your identification (during and after observation): Sibley, A guide to Birds, Nat. Geo. 2nd Ed., Hayman et.al., Shorebirds An Id guide.This report was made from (check one) ☐ notes made during observation ☐ notes made after observation ☒ later from memory.

Date and time of written report: Sept. 6, 2002 20:00

Reporting observer: Ric Olson

Signature: Ric Olson

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