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CFO-ORC FILE # 2003-17

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

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NEW STATE RECORD \_\_\_\_\_ UNUSUAL RECORD X

**Species:** Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*)

**Date:** 29 August 2003

**Number seen:** one

**Sex:** unknown

**Plumage:** juvenal

**Locality:** SE corner of Barr Lake

**Elevation:** ~5,000 feet

**Nearest town:** Brighton

**County:** Adams

**Time observed:** mid-afternoon around 3 PM

**Duration of observation:** several minutes

**Description:** Medium-sized, cream-colored, shorebird with long yellow legs; approximate, but not larger than, in size to Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*). The bird associated with other shorebirds, but stayed away from the actual shoreline, preferring the mudflats about 40-50 feet away. The underparts were unmarked, creamy-yellow in color, as was the face. The crown and upperparts were the same basal creamy-yellow, but the crown had dark brown spots running in rows from the forecrown to the back. The mantle, scapulars, and wing feathers had dark brown centers edged in tan. The bill was short, thin, pointed and entirely dark. The eyes were dark also.

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

**What is your prior experience with this and similarly-appearing species?** All total, I have seen dozens of this species in Indiana, Louisiana, and Colorado.

**Light conditions:** breezy and partly cloudy with the sun high and behind me for most of the time

**Optical equipment used:** Kowa 20x60 scope

**Distance, and how estimated:** at first about 15 meters

**Other observers who saw the bird with you:** Gene Rutherford, Ira Sanders, Tony Leukering, Glenn Walbek

**Other observers who saw the bird independently:** Bob and LeAnn Brown (initial observers on same date)

**If photographed, type of equipment and film:** Coolpix 4500 digital through scope

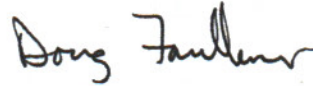
**List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:**

**a) at time of observation:** none

**b) after observation:** I looked at several to age the bird.

**Reporting observer:** Doug Faulkner

**Signature:**



**Address:** Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane, Brighton, CO 80603

**Date report was written:** 30 August 2003 from memory.

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Photo by D. Faulkner