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Purple Sandpiper

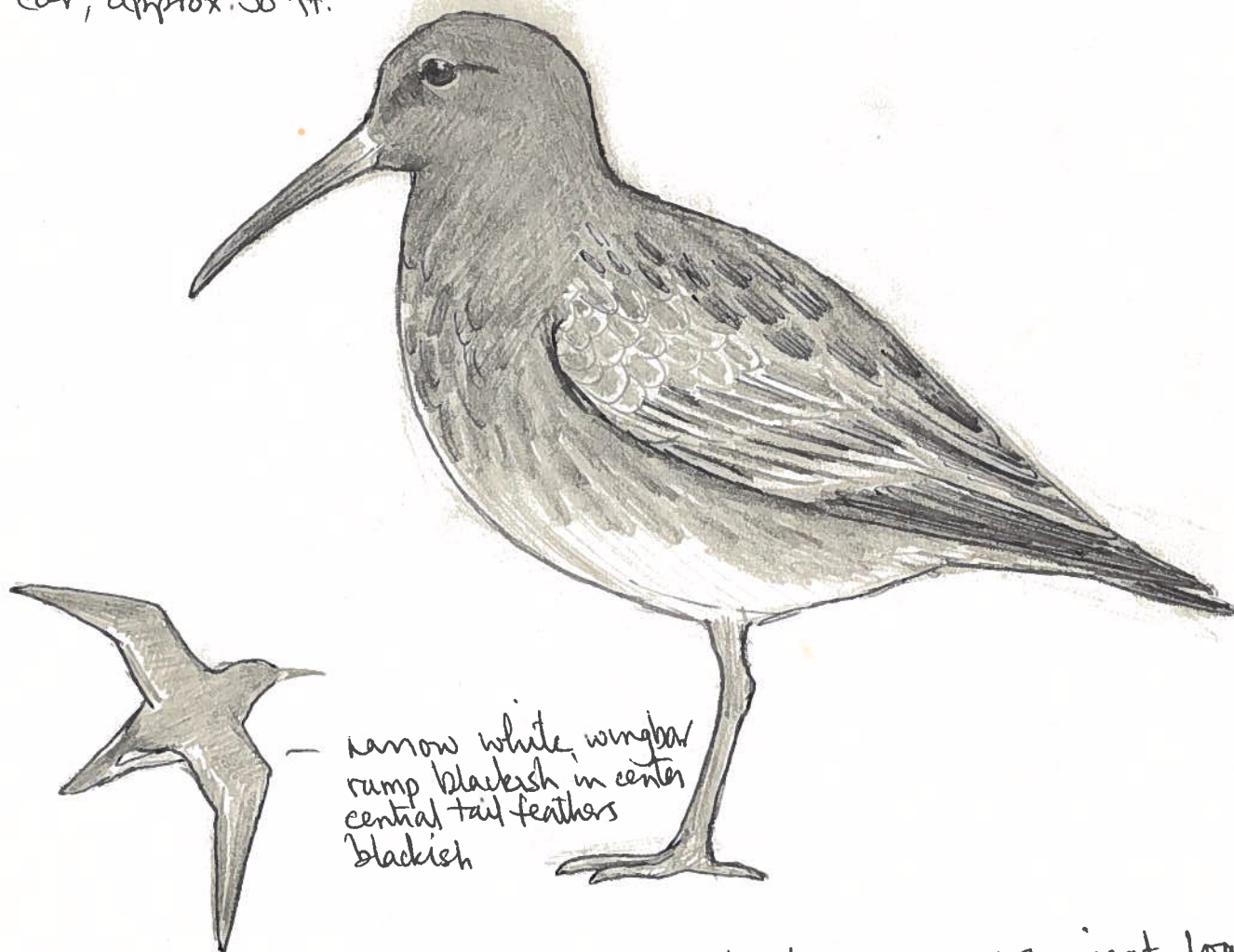
Cameron Par. East Jetty, 1 mi S Cameron

3 February 1990 approx. PM

duration of observation 1-2 min.

habitat: rock jetty

observation conditions: moderate rain, fairly dark and gloomy; seen from car, approx. 50 ft.



narrow white wingbar
rump blackish in center
central tail feathers
blackish

slightly larger than a Dunlin; plump, stocky large peep, prominent long slightly drooped bill; bill black with dull orange base; head, breast, back, flanks purplish-grey, darker and more grey than a dunlin; back faintly mottled with blacker centers to feathers; chest, sides mottled blending to paler under underparts dull whitish-grey; lesser secondary coverts dark grey, edged up white, median and greater secondary coverts edged paler; eye dark, hard see in uniformly dark face, legs pale, looked yellowish-green in poor light primaries, blackish under greyer centrals; poor light obviously decreased colors/contrast

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