

REPORT FORM

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1. English and scientific name: *Ruff - Philomachus pugnax*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): *1 - male - going into breeding plumage*
3. Locality: *LA.* state *Lafayette* parish
Congress St extension, 2 miles East of parish line
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: *3-28-94*
5. Times of day when seen: *8:00 AM & 12: Noon*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dave Patton*
122 memory LN
Laf. LA 70506
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Harry Broussard, Charles Bulterworth, Paul Conover, Jack Deshotel, Steve Gary, ~~Steve~~
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
10 more
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *overcast but good light.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *30X Nikon scope*
11. Distance to bird: *200 yds into 50 yds.*
12. Duration of observation: *20 minutes & 45 minutes*
13. Habitat: *flooded rice field*
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
Always feeding, usually going from mud clod to mud clod pecking & probing around its base.

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Bill dark. Broad stripe on crown coming down to base of bill was buff colored. Head, neck, throat, breast were dingy grey with a lot of black splotches. Faint buffy supercilium. Lower belly & under rump white. Back dark brown or black feathers w/ buff edges giving a heavy scaled appearance. Legs - bright orange. Large body, (twice size of dowitcher it fed with) long heavy tear drop shape with full breast. Head appeared proportionately small.

16. Voice:

No.

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Larger than dowitcher & lesser yellowlegs. Darker brown back & heavier body than greater yellow legs.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?): Dave Patton

shot through Nikon scope w/ 30x eye piece using Nikon 35mm cam w/ 50mm lens.

19. Previous experience with this species:

One - seen previous week. The two birds were about 5 miles apart and head & throat were very different.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation (date: _____); memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? Yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

Dave Patton

24. Date and time of writing this account:

2/11-94

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- English and scientific name: Ruff Philomachus Pugnax
- Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): 1 Adult Male Moulting
- Locality: Louisiana state Lafayette parish
Ridge Rd about 2 miles west of 719. field in Curve where Ridge Rd. specific locality
Is headed North + Curves west. Standing on Rd heading West. about 1/2 mile
- Date(s) when seen: 3-28-74
- Times of day when seen: 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM
- Reporting observer and address: Billy P Leonard 107 Calais St
Laf. LA 70501-3828
- Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: ~~George Braussard~~, Charles Butterworth
- Other observers who independently identified the bird: George Braussard
- Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Partly Cloudy - Bird was South and east of observers most of time
- Optical equipment (type, power, condition): B&W Bushycombe Discoverer 40 mm w 15x60 on 20x GA NIKON scope CB Kowa TS2
- Distance to bird: 60 to 100 yards
- Duration of observation: 45 minutes
- Habitat: Recently plowed + Flooded rice field
- Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
during observation bird mostly fed, walking and pecking not staying still for very long. It stayed on the edges of the field near the levees where the water was shallow, only rarely getting 10-15 ft from a levee. This was even though the field was evenly flooded + not deep in the middle. ~~one~~ ON one occasion the bird briefly bathed + then preened about 10-15 sec, then it resumed foraging. It also flew to different location in the field ~~about~~ 5 times during observation.

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15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

Bird was observed in field w/ lesser yellow legs, lesser golden plovers, Killdeer, and snipe. This was easily the largest bird in the field. It had a small head with a bill which was about $1\frac{1}{4}$ times the length of the head the bill was black. The neck was longer than a plover but not as proportionally long as a yellow legs. The body was rather chunky and thick in the middle. The legs were long and very orange. The feathers on the back were dark brown with paler edgings. Tertiaries feathers looked barred. Belly & under tail coverts white, ~~under~~ wing white, Neck & chest white w/ lots

16. Voice: no voice heard OP black mottling the black streaking and mottling extended to the flanks. From the base of the bill up the forehead between the eyes there were some tan or yellow feathers. Cheeks were white. Crown & back of neck brown.

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

None

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

I, Billy Leonard photographed the bird, they will be available as soon as I send them off for processing.

19. Previous experience with this species:

None - G. Broussard had observed a other ruffs

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: G. Broussard

b) after observation: Shore birds an I.D. Guide, Audubon Society Master Guide, Peterson, Nat. Geo.

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; notes made after observation (date: 3-28-94); _____ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: Billy Leonard

24. Date and time of writing this account:

3-27-94 8:45 AM



Ruff 3-28-94

Laf. Par.

Dave Patton



Ruff 3-28-94

Laf. Parrish

Dave Patton



Ruff 3-28-94

Laf. Par.

Dave Patton



Ruff 3-28-94

Leaf Pan

Dave Patton



Truff 3-28-94

Laf. Par.

Dave Tallon