

+ videotape

## REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the LBRC Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or this format when submitting records for review (to assure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to: LBRC Secretary, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and scientific name: Ruff - *Philomachus pugnax*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage):  
1 - male - winter plumage
3. Locality: LA. Vermillion  
state parish  
0.1 mile south of Laf. Parish line on Hwy 35. Parish Rd P-5-51.  
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: 3-20-94 4 3-22-94.
5. Times of day when seen: 3/20 = 4:00 pm 3/22 = 12 noon & 4:00 pm.
6. Reporting observer and address: Dave Patton  
122 memory LN  
Lafayette LA 70506
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:  
Same bird seen by D. Dittman + LSU field trip 3-19-94.
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: George Broussard, Ch. Butterworth <sup>m.</sup> ~~mussemiche~~
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Direct sun from west as viewing south & east.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 30X Nikon scope
11. Distance to bird: 200 yds.
12. Duration of observation: 30 minutes
13. Habitat: flooded rice field
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): preening in open water, feeding along levee & w/ dowitchers in open water. At times would submerge head beneath water as probed mud w/ dowitchers

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. Top of head grey above the eyes down nape & back of neck. White flecking a base of neck on the back as if molting. White around base of bill, cheek below eyes, & throat down to breast. Breast dingy brown. Belly & <sup>under</sup> rump very white. Back feathers dark brown w/ buffy edges giving scalloped appearance. Wing linings white when raise wings. legs?, Upper rump has dark center line continuous to

16. Voice: tail w/ distinct white borders seen in flight. No voice.

Twice the size of dowitchers it fed with. Body heavier than

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

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

19. Previous experience with this species:

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? . If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter:

Dave Patton

24. Date and time of writing this account:

4-11-94