

Louisiana Ornithological Society's
LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
Report Form

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

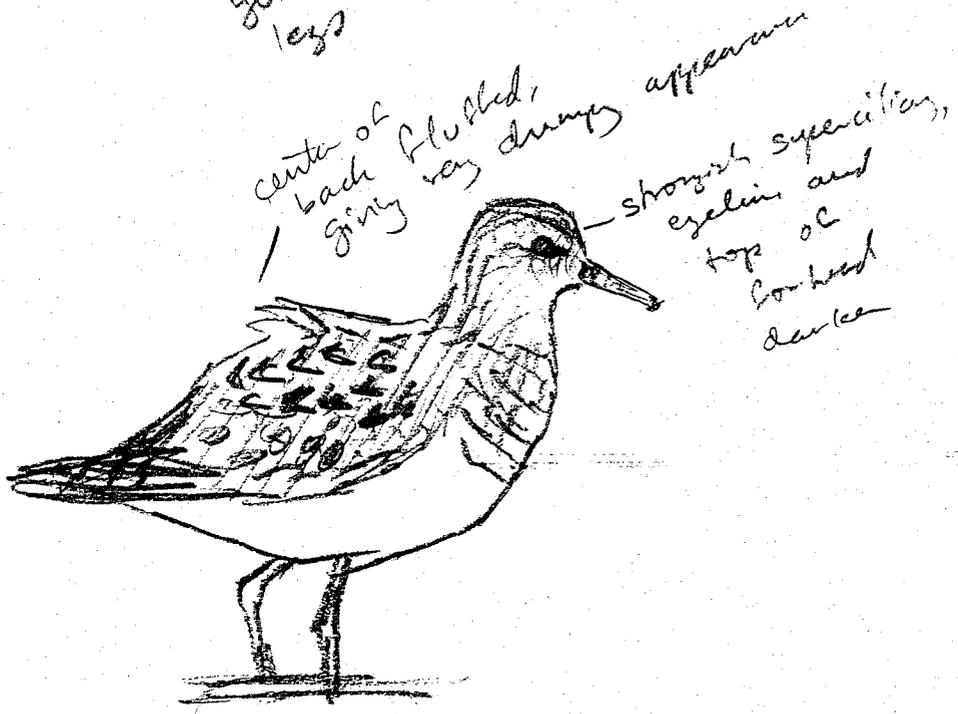
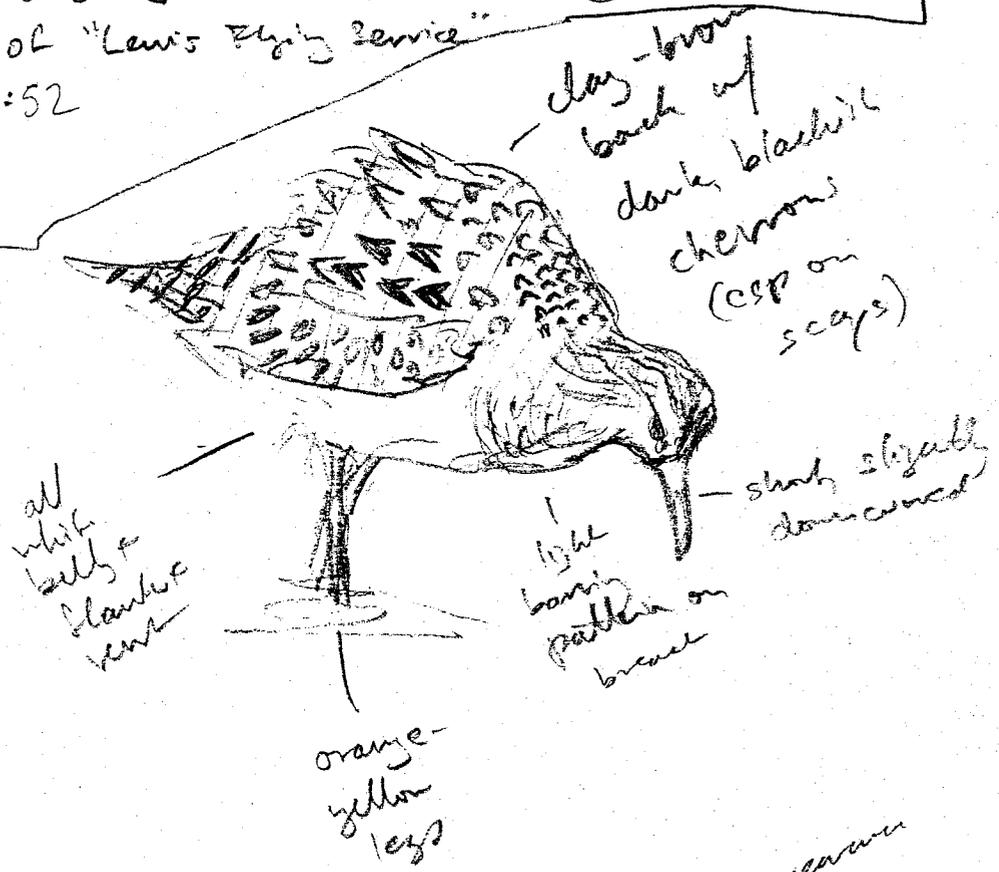
1. **English and Scientific names:** Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*)
2. **Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):** One, probably ♀ in alternate plumage.
3. **Locality: LOUISIANA:** Acadia
(parish)
LA 92 W of junction with LA 1124 (ca 1 mi.); between
(specific locality) LA 13 and LA 91.
4. **Date(s) when observed:** 13 April 1996
5. **Time(s) of day when observed:** 1:40 - 1:52 pm
6. **Reporting observer and address:** Daniel Lane 119 Foster Hall
Baton Rouge, LA
70803
7. **Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):**
8. **Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):**
9. **Light conditions** (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Strong sunlight (few-to-no clouds) in mid-day.
10. **Optical equipment** (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10x40B and a
20x Bushnell scope
11. **Distance to bird(s):** approximately 75-100 yards.
12. **Duration of observation:** about 10 min.
13. **Habitat:** flooded rice field (mostly mud flats).

14. **Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation** (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
The bird was feeding actively on unidentified food items. It was not seen resting, but the observation was concluded when the bird was flushed by a crop-duster.
15. **Description** (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possibly: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):
See accompanying sketch. Larger than a Lesser Yellowlegs, bulkier, with back feathers fluffed. Bill short, slightly decurved. Legs bright orange-yellow. Upperparts and breast a clay-brown overall. Darker crown and eye-line with pale superciliary. Lightly streaked nape leading into a more heavily marked ^(streaked) back. Scapulars had large chevrons. Breast had weak barring. Belly and vent clean white.
16. **Voice:** No vocalizations heard.
17. **Similar species** (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Color pattern, size, and shape eliminate all other shorebirds.
18. **Photographs or tape recordings obtained?** (by whom? attached?): Photos (being processed, available on request).
19. **Previous experience with this species:** Probably about 10+ individuals have been seen by the observer in various plumages in NJ, Del, and NY since about 1985.
20. **Identification aids:** (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
a. at time of observation: none
b. after observation: consulted Jonsson and NGS.
21. **This description is written from:** notes made during the observation (notes attached?); ___ notes made after the observation (date: ___); ___ memory.
22. **Are you positive of your identification** If not, explain: Yes
23. **Signature of reporter:** Daniel Zan 4/16/96 3:15pm
(date) (time)

Revere in Acadia ~~to the~~ Par. (ca 1 mi)
 on LA 92 W of Junction w/ LA 1124 (W of LA 13)
 and S of "Lewis Flying Service"

1:40-1:52

4/13/96



seen side
 by side
 w/ E. Yellowlegs,
 to which it appeared
 larger and bulkier

