

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 female in basic plumage
3. Locality: LOUISIANA: Acadia Par.; South of Crowley, 1 mi. (parish)
W Hwy. 13, 1 mi. S Hwy. 92 (specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 11 Nov. 1996
5. Time(s) of day when observed: about 1 PM
6. Reporting observer and address: Donna L. Dittmann and Steven W. Cardiff
Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, LSU, BR, LA 70803
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s): members of Owl Birders Club (Elizabeth Brown, Bud Snowden, Michael Seymore, Margie Griffith, etc...) + Doug Faulkner
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s): none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): good
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Kowa zoom
11. Distance to bird(s): ~ 300m
12. Duration of observation: 30 min.
13. Habitat: wet field, 15-20 min.

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation):
 bird was observed feeding and flying, in association with yellowlegs, dowitchers
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: 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):
 shorebird - size of Lesser Yellowlegs; distinct posture of Ruff is how bird was initially picked out; shape similar to Lesser Yellowlegs, but dumper, shorter necked and billed, with a more comical feeding motion. see attached drawing for details.

(has any other species?) *no*

specimens stored at *stanford* *swc*

initial *reference to other (1991) *birds**

16. Voice: not heard *see part 2 *see* 1/28/96 *note* W*

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): *1991 *note* 11*

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
none - too far

19. Previous experience with this species: *none*
 DLD/SWC have seen found several Ruffs in CA and LA. (including LA specimens)

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):
 a. at time of observation: *none*
 b. after observation: *none*

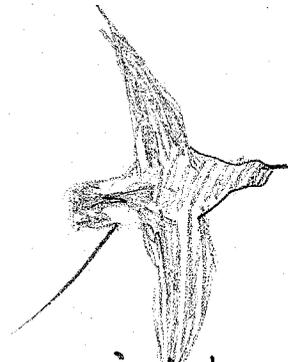
21. This description is written from: notes made during the observation (notes attached?); notes made after the observation (date:); ✓ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: *yes*

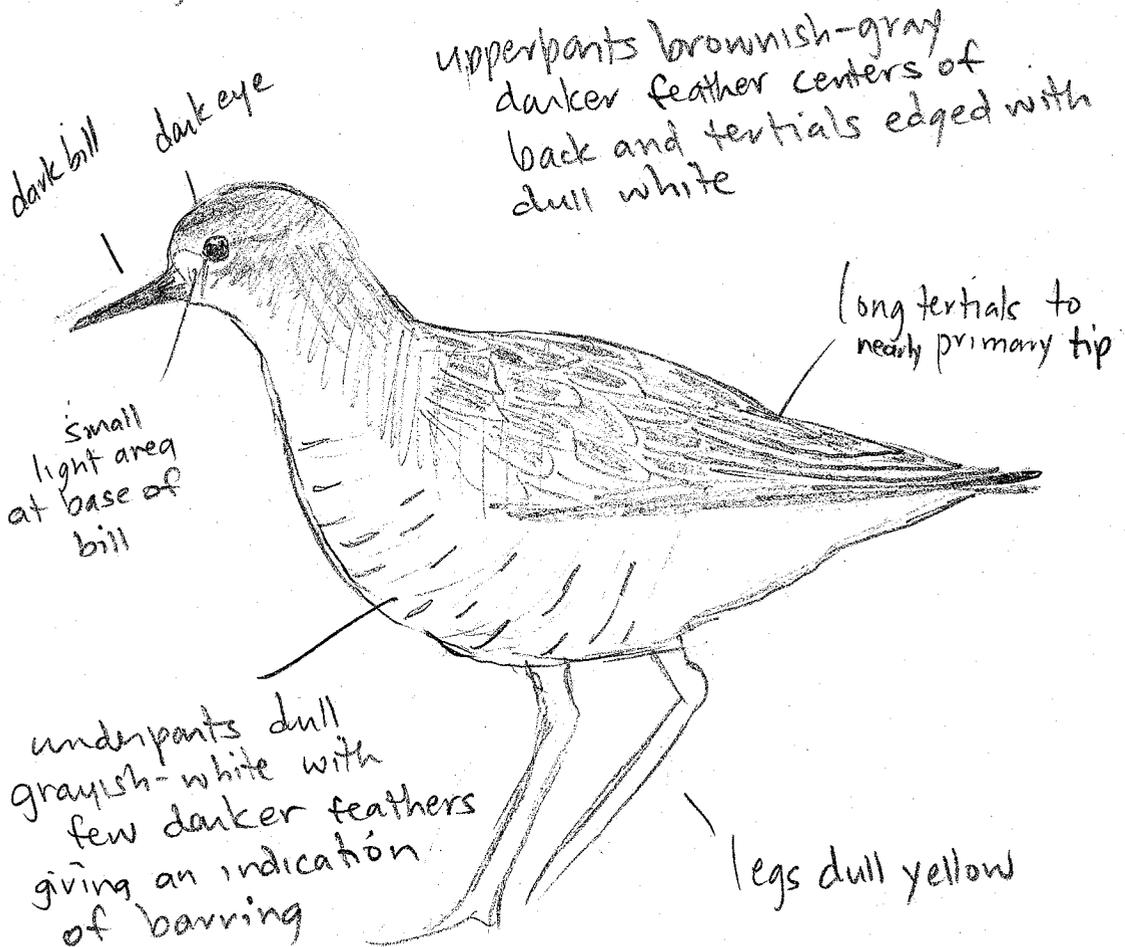
23. Signature of reporter: Donna L. Dittmann 1/28/96 = 91
 (date) (time)

Steven W. Cardiff 1/28/96 = 91

drawn on or night after observation



In flight typical large "ovals" at side of rump observed.



dark bill dark eye

upperparts brownish-gray darker feather centers of back and tertials edged with dull white

small light area at base of bill

long tertials to nearly primary tip

underparts dull grayish-white with few darker feathers giving an indication of barring

legs dull yellow

♀ Ruff — size of Lesser Yellowlegs
basic plum. 11/11/96 Acadia Par., S Crowley
1 mi W Hwy 13, 1 mi. S. 92

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