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LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

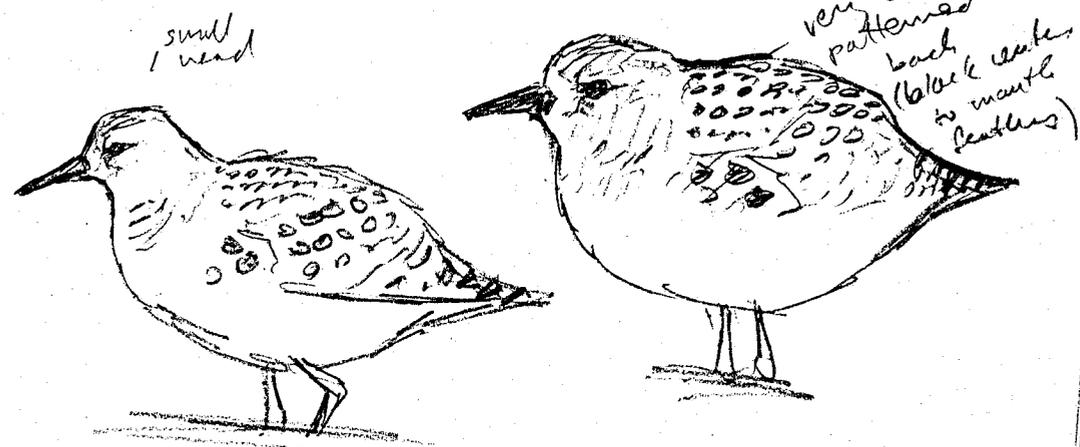
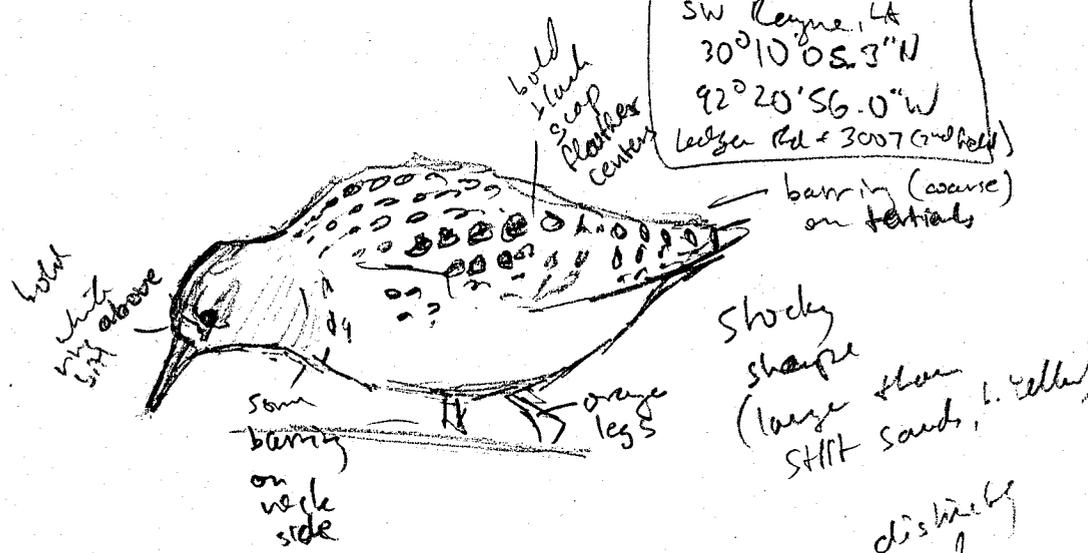
Rare Bird Report Form

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 ensure that all information involving an observation is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach fieldnotes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for 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, age, sex, general plumage (e. g., "2 adult males in alternate <breeding> plumage"): one female entering alternate plumage
3. Locality: LOUISIANA; Acadia Par.; ca 0.4 mi W junction
(parish)
of LA 3007 and Ledger Rd on 3007 (SW of Rayne)
(specific locality)
4. Date(s) when observed: 17 April 2001
5. Time(s) of day when observed: ~9 AM
6. Reporting observer and address: Daniel F. Lane
LSU Museum of Natural Science
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
WINGS tour group
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): overcast bright lighting
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Leica televid 32x telescope
11. Distance to bird(s):
About 100-150 feet
12. Duration of observation:
About 15 min.

13. Habitat: wet mud in crawfish pond
14. Behavior of bird/circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding the observation):
Feeding with flock (mixed sp.) of shorebirds; flying.
15. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; if possible, give details on 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. Attach additional pages as necessary):
Bill about length of head, blackish.
White patch ~~at~~ base of bill.
Bold blackish chevron-shaped spots on centers of scapulars, greater wing coverts, bold black bars on tertials, smaller black spots ^(sheaks) on centers of mantle feathers.
A few bars on sides of lower neck; buffy brown wash on upperparts, sides of breast.
Orange legs
Larger than dowitcher, lesser yellowlegs.
16. Voice: silent
17. Similar species (and how are they eliminated by your description?):
Leg color, face pattern, size.
18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
see attached photos and sketch.
19. Previous experience with this species:
Several seen in NE USA, LA (1996).
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 made after the observation (date: _____); memory.
22. Are you positive of your identification (if not, then explain)? Yes
23. Signature of reporter: David L. 20 Apr 2001
(date)

♀ RFE
 17 April 2001
 SW Reymé, Lt
 30°10'05.3"N
 92°20'56.0"W
 Ledge Rd + 3007 (grid field)



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