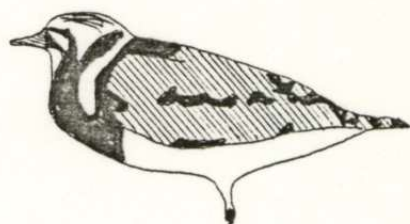


1. Species ~~██████████~~ Ruddy Turnstone 2. Number 1  
 3. Location Willow Slough  
 4. Date: 30 May 1981 5. Time Bird Seen: 6:45 <sup>+ also some other times</sup> to 7:00 pm  
 6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Description after I'd seen it briefly:

Tracing of my drawing of the bird in the ~~of~~ field. (Neatened in the tracing) →



Back + wing coverts reddish with some black feathers. White stripe in wing, + much black. Head white with black pattern, two vertical stripes (one through eye), going down to large black patch on breast. Lower breast + belly white.

Later I saw the legs were black - after the bird had been standing in soupy mud.

7. Description of voice, if heard: walking about with white-rumped + Semipalmated ~~pt~~ Sandpipers. Larger than them.  
 No voice  
 8. Description of behavior: Picking stuff from the mud. Slept (looking around often) as I drew it.  
 9. Habitat - general: mudflats at edge of what water  
 specific: remains in the slough.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:  
 Nothing looks like a breeding-plumage Ruddy Turnstone.

11. Distance (how measured)? as close as 40' 12. Optical equipment: 20x telescope, 7x binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
Sunny (occasional cloud shadows). Bird east of me ~~so~~ each time I saw it well.

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
I saw a lot in Oregon, but it wouldn't matter. You can't mistake these.

15. Other observers:  
Tayce Petersen

16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird:

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description

None.

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? while the bird was there.

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