

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Least Sandpiper How many? 1
Location? Conalville Reservoir (Batcock Account), Johnson Co., IA
Type of Habitat? low water in field
When? date(s): 6 Dec 1998 time: 9:00 to 9:15
Who? your name and address: T. H. Kent, 24 Richards St, Iowa City, IA 52245
Others with you: none
Others before or after you: In Field 2 Dec

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A peep with yellow legs. Only size comparison with Killdeer - about 1/2 as long as 1/3 as tall - crude estimate. On mud flats & water's edge. Overall brown, upper parts & gray to black centers on wing coverts with light tan edge. Brown smudged bill. Black bill - tapered to point, slightly downcurved. Shorter than head. In flight - dark center to tail & white on rear.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.
day, 20+ eyes, 25-30 yds

Previous experience with species and similar ones: none

References and persons consulted before writing description: none

How long before field notes made? 2 hrs this form completed? _____

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