

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Western Sandpiper How many? _____Location? Babcock Lake, Coralville Res Johnson CoType of habitat? mudflat

When? date(s): _____ time: _____ to _____

Who? your name and address: MIKE NEWLON 408 Wales Iowa City

others with you: _____

others before or after you: _____

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

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all 4 birds juv. - grey above w/ pale feather edging; rich rufous edges to scapulars. clean white below, smudges at sides of breast. Bill + legs black. Bill longer than Semipalm. sandpiper's, thicken at base, somewhat drooped at tip. Bill semipalm. sized.

Similar species and how eliminated: size/bill/color eliminate other Peep.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? _____

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 50'-20', sun behind obs. 25X60 scope, 8X40 binocsPrevious experience with species and similar ones: seen many.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? on spot this form completed? 9/17

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