

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? White-rumped Sandpiper How many? 1

Location? Babcock Access, Coralville Res., Johnson Co., Iowa

Type of Habitat? mud flats

When? date(s): 10 Aug 1999 time: 6⁰⁰ to 6¹⁵ pm

Who? your name and address: T. H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246

Others with you: James Huntington was on the bird when I arrived.

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

A relatively long, large peep - larger than Least, smaller than Pectoral also present. Overall gray with fresh gray scapulars and coverts. Moderately long, all-dark bill + black legs. Smudged streaking on sides. Flashed to see white rump.

Similar species; how eliminated: Size, shape, color, and rump all indicate this species.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? no
If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), optical equipment.

Sun behind, 20-30ft, 10x binoc, 20x scope. This bird was at point blank range and even ran right at me

Previous experience with species and similar ones: while I was viewing with James scope.
Only a few in fall.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

none

How long before field notes made? 1 hour this form completed? same

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).