

DETAILS ON UNUSUAL BIRD SIGHTING

Early Fall Migration Sighting

SPECIES: Western Sandpiper (Alternate plumage)

DATE: 8 July (4:30PM)

LOCATION: Babcock Access, Coralville Reservoir (Johnson Co.)

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DESCRIPTION: A peep sized sandpiper with dark legs that appeared to be slightly larger than nearby least sandpipers. It had a reddish cheek patch and top of head, and reddish edged scapulars. It also had dark chevrons on the side of breast which continued distally beneath the wing. The bill appeared to be straight....I did not see a droop which might be expected with a female western sandpiper.