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Ruff 10 May 1940 [Cone] Marsh, Louisa Co., IA W.C. Tietje specimen, Dill 1941 Record Number: 93-EH Classification: A-S

SPECIMEN

University of Iowa, mounted, in Bird Hall PHOTOGRAPH

T. H. Kent, of specimen, P-0057 REFERENCE

Dill, H.R. 1941. Ruff in Iowa in spring. Auk 58:257. VOTE: 5 A-S

A-S, The photograph shows a bird at least an inch or two larger than a Red-necked Phalarope and shaped generally like a yellowlegs. The legs are black. Would red legs turn black? There is beginning dark slotchy areas on the flanks and upper breast and just a hint of rufous in the tertials. The size and features fit female Ruff. Measurements and examination of the specimen might provide more detail, but I have no question about the identification. /thk



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Ruff in Iowa in spring.—On May 10, 1940, Mr. W. C. Thietje, a member of our museum staff, collected a specimen of female Ruff, Philomachus pugnax. It was in a mixed flock of Lesser Yellow-legs and Pectoral Sandpipers at the marsh in Louisa County, Iowa. The specimen is now in the Natural History Museum at Iowa City, Iowa.—Homer R. Dill, Director, Museum of Natural History, Iowa City, Iowa.