

1989 Spring Field Report - Robert K. Myers

Details of observations:

Yellow rail - (20 May) - I saw the white patches on the inner trailing edge of the wings.

King rail - (6 + 8 May) - This was a very large reddish-brown rail much much too large to be a Virginia Rail. It was about teal size.

Marbled Godwit (29 Apr) - The main mark was the tan (not white) rumps on these godwits.

Western Sandpiper - (4 May) - On at least 3 birds we could see reddish ear and shoulder patches. Breasts were white with fine dark streaks on upper breast. Legs were dark. Did not have white rumps.

Common Tern - (4 May) - These birds showed very dark (blackish) primaries both top and bottom.

Alder Flycatcher - <sup>(21 May)</sup> fee-bee-o song

Sharp-tailed Sparrow - (22 May) -

Main ID marks I saw were orangish upper breast and sides of head. Breast with fine streaks. Face with dark ear patch. Dark crown with gray (not white) stripe thru center. Grayish collar. White streaks on back. Overall they appear bigger and darker than LeConte's.