

LOUISIANA ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
 BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE  
 REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the LOS Bird Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Purple Sandpiper Calidris maritima
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2ad. in breeding plumage): winter (1)
3. Locality: Louisiana: Cameron Parish: 3 mi. W Holly Beach
4. Date(s) when seen: 12 Jan, 1984
5. Times of day when seen: ~ 14:00
6. Reporting observer and address: Van Rensen, Museum of Zoology, LSU
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Gary Rosenberg, David Muth, Bruce Crider, Paul McKenzie, Larry McQueen
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): good - high overcast
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 10x30 binocs
11. Distance to bird: ±60 ft
12. Duration of observation: 2 min.
13. Habitat (general and specific): rock piles that shield Holly Beach highway from wave action
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): sitting motionless on rock
15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

Collected - LSUMZ 113130

16. Voice: silent

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

Rock Sandpiper - virtually identical in winter plumage - in hand,  
Rock has more extensive white on webs of inner  
primaries (unlike LSUM2 113190)

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

19. Previous experience with this species: Only once before - in 1966 or so in  
Massachusetts

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification  
a) at time of observation;

b) after observation:

21. This description written from: \_\_\_\_\_ notes made during observation;  notes  
made after observation; \_\_\_\_\_ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: *Van Rensen*

24. Date and time of writing this account: 10 Feb. 84