

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

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1. English and scientific name: Purple Sandpiper (Calidris maritima)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): one winter plumaged adult
3. Locality: Louisiana Jefferson
state parish

rock jetty at Caminada Pass on Grande Isle
specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: April 20, 1994
5. Times of day when seen: 1145 to 1155
6. Reporting observer and address: Jim Holmes (504) 892-6714
801 Dove Park Rd.
Covington, LA 70433
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
Nancy Newfield, Birgit Berger, Roger Breedlove
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: The bird had been present and
seen by many observers.
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): fair, mostly cloudy
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
1) Bausch & Lomb Elite binoculars, 8x42 -in good condition
11. Distance to bird: 50 feet
12. Duration of observation: 10 minutes
13. Habitat: rock jetty on the Gulf of Mexico
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification): sitting on rock and then seen in flight

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

see attached description

16. Voice: Not heard

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

- 1) Surfbird- This species is ruled out by longer, thinner bill and dark rump which the Surfbird lacks.
- 2) Rock Sandpiper- This speices is less likely based on distribution. The extensive spotting on the flanks and breast that this bird showed is seen in Purple Sandpiper and not Rock Sandpiper.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

Slide included (by Jim Holmes)

19. Previous experience with this species:

I have seen this species on numerous occasions on the east coast and on the Mississippi coast, and once on Holly Beach, LA.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: None

b) after observation: None

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; x notes made after observation (date: 4/20/94); _____ memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

24. Date and time of writing this account:

May 31, 1994 (1800)



Purple Sandpiper

4-19-94

Grand Isle, LA

Dave Patton



Purple Sand piper

4-19-94

Grand Isle, LA

Wave Patton



Purple Sandpiper

4-19-94

Grand Isle, LA

Dave Patton



Purple Sandpiper

4-19-94

Grand Isle, VT

Dave Patton

PURPLE SANDPIPER (*Calidris maritima*)

April 20, 1994

Caminada Pass, Grande Isle, LA

Observers: Jim Holmes, Roger Breedlove, Nancy Newfield, Birgit Berger

Description:

This bird had been known to be present on the rock jetty at Caminada Pass for over two weeks. It was discovered sitting on the rocks and was photographed.

General: A small shorebird seen in company with a Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*). It was slightly larger in length and plumper than the Spotted Sandpiper.

Bill: The bill was long and thin. There was a slight curve in the bill which was most prominent at the tip. The bill was all dark except for the base which was a dull orange.

Head: The head was a dark slate-gray except for the throat which was a lighter gray and a small area above the lores which was white.

Back: Feathers were dark with slightly paler edges.

Chest and Belly: The upper chest was similar in coloration to the head (slate-gray).

However, there were white feathers interspersed giving the upper breast a scaly appearance. The lower portion of the chest and belly was white with slate-gray streaking. This streaking was most prominent on the flanks and some streaking existed to the vent.

Wings: In flight, there was a white wingbar extending across the base of the secondaries that contrasted against the dark wing.

Rump: In flight, it was noted to be dark with white sides.

Tail: All dark.

Legs: They were a dull yellow.





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1. English and scientific name: PURPLE SANDPIPER (*Calidris maritima*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2ad. in breeding plumage): ONE - WINTER PLUMAGE?
3. Locality: LOUISIANA state JEFFERSON parish
SOUTHWEST END OF GRAND ISLE specific locality
4. Date(s) when seen: APRIL 29, 1994
5. Times of day when seen: 4:30 - 4:45 PM (EDT)
6. Reporting observer and address: J. P. KLEIMAN
15913 MALVERN HILL
BATON ROUGE, LA 70817
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
R. STEIN, M. GUIDRY, D. L'HOSTE
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: M. OB. (EARLIER IN MONTH)
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): FAIRLY GOOD LIGHT MOST OF TIME
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): ZEISS 10X40 BINOC., BUSHNELL
30X SCOPE (GOOD)
11. Distance to bird: ~50 YDS
12. Duration of observation: 5-10 MINUTES, OFF & ON
13. Habitat: A ROCK JETTY AT END OF BEACH
14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc. - include and stress any habits used in identification):
BIRD WAS FEEDING AND FLYING BACK & FORTH
ALONG JETTY - IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RUDDY TURNSTONES
AND SANDERLINGS

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen). Include if possible: total length or relative size compared to other species present or familiar species; body bulk; shape, bill, eye, leg and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species:

A PLUMP-LOOKING SHOREBIRD, SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN
A SANDERLING, WITH A LONGER BILL — YELLOW LEGS —
A WHITE WINGBAR IN DARK WINGS WAS SEEN IN FLIGHT —
FAINT (NOT THE BOLD WINGBAR AS IN A SANDERLING)
BILL WAS TWO-TONED, YELLOW AT BASE, DARK TOWARD TIP —
UPPER PARTS ESSENTIALLY DARK, DARK THROAT & CHEST —
BELLY, UNDERTAIL WHITISH

16. Voice: NOT HEARD

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

ROCK SANDPIPER - PROBABLY CAN'T BE ELIMINATED

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained (By whom? Attached?):

? PROB. MANY

19. Previous experience with this species:

SEEN ON GREAT LAKES & EAST COAST MANY TIMES

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification:

a) at time of observation: NONE

b) after observation: NAT. GEOG.

21. This description written from: _____ notes made during observation; _____ notes made after observation (date: _____); memory.

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

23. Signature of reporter:

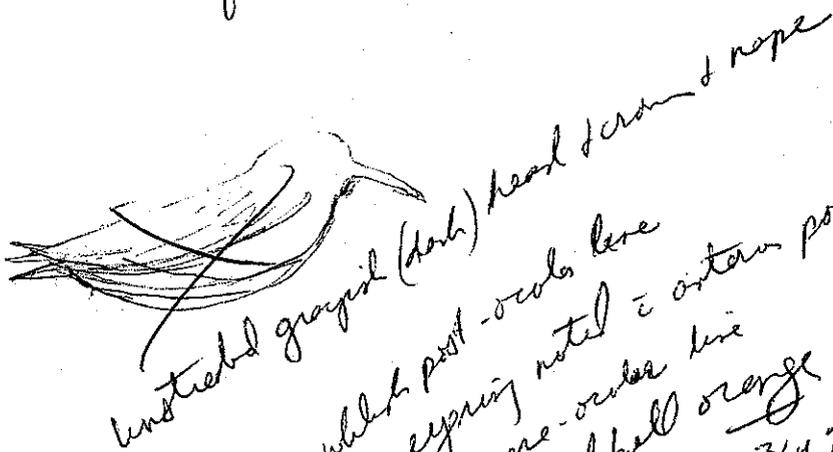
Joseph P. Klerman

24. Date and time of writing this account:

MAY 2, 1994 - 11:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Drawing held note
 after seeing bird 3 April 99
 Grand Isle 9:00 AM

Submitted by
 Charles E Lyon C

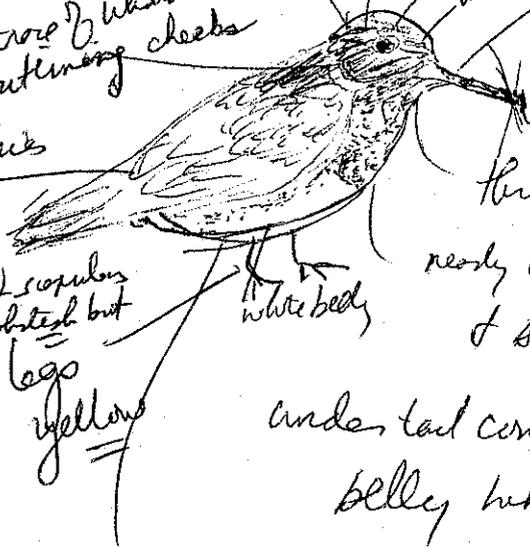


unstriated grayish (dark) head & crown & nape
 white post-ocular line
 eye ring noted & anterior portion bolder
 white pre-ocular line
 base of bill orange
 & remaining 3/4 of bill dark

trace of whitish line
 outlining cheeks

secondaries
 edged in
 white

& tertials & scapulars
 edged whitish but
 not white legs
 yellow



(chin)
 throat whitish

nearly confluent streaks of chest & sharp demarcation
 of streaking continuing along flanks.

under tail coverts lightly streaked also.
 belly white

blackish & tip of bill slightly decurved
 size of horn 1 1/2 x longer
 than that of nearly Ruddy Turnstone

Purple sandpiper slightly smaller & ~~thinner~~

thinner (more slender bodied) than nearly

Ruddy Turnstones & noticeably longer bill than
 turnstones.

bird noted moving from adjacent rock to rock on jetty and
 thin white wing stripes noted without any other pattern as
 would be seen in immature Ruddy Turnstone.

tail dark & no pattern or white on tail or rump.

