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Latilong \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Upland SandpiperScientific Name Bartramia longicaudaObs. date 9-9-89 Time(s) 11:00 A.M.Duration of obs. 2-3 seconds (1st); 2-3 mins.); 5-10 seconds or weather and number of days since changeDistance from bird 20-30 ft. overhead; 50-250 (3rd)Light conditions yds. (2nd & 3rd) Clear and sunnyOptical equip. 7, 8, and 10 power binocs; spottingPhoto equip. none scope \_\_\_\_\_Notes made at time of sighting X Date report prepared \_\_\_\_\_Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_ Sept. 10, 1989

Weather at time of this observation.

Clear and warm (70's)

Weather conditions were balmy for at least a week prior to observation.

Locality  
Kaufman's Ranch approximately 25 miles north of Milford, Utah in Millard Co.; also near Black Rock Railroad stop.

Enter number of birds in each category.

GENDER(S)

AGES(S)

PLUMAGE(S)

PHOTO(S) none

Total number observed.

Males \_\_\_\_\_

Adults probably

Breeding \_\_\_\_\_ Transition \_\_\_\_\_

Avaliable \_\_\_\_\_

Females \_\_\_\_\_

Juv/Imms \_\_\_\_\_

Eclipse \_\_\_\_\_ Dark phase \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

♀ or Imms \_\_\_\_\_

2/3 yr birds \_\_\_\_\_

Winter \_\_\_\_\_ Light ph. \_\_\_\_\_

Unknowns X

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Other post-breeding, adult probablyoneDescription of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

Size- Larger than Killdeer with which it was sharing the field, and smaller than the Avocets which we had seen earlier in the morning.

Head- Dove headed, with brownish crown and white throat; large dark eyes. The bill was pale and straight and rather short (about width of head) for a shorebird. There was a slight rich brownish color on the cheek. It also had a fairly long, thin neck compared to the rest of the body.

Back- Brownish with lighter feather edgings which gave kind of a scaly appearance.

Underparts- Buffy on neck and throat giving way to light barring on lower breast and flanks.

Legs- Yellowish, but not as strong a yellow as on the Greater or Lesser Yellowlegs.

Wings- Long, almost pointed with very dark primaries and lighter, brown and buff secondaries, tertials and wing coverts.

Tail- Darker dorsally with lighter-colored outer tail feathers. Fairly long tail as it extended beyond the wing tips as the bird foraged.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None. We had a chance to see the bird in flight, on the ground, up fairly close and from a distance.

Variations from expected field marks.

none.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

The Buff-breasted Sandpiper is mentioned in the fieldguides as the one most easily confused with the Upland Sandpiper, but the bird we saw was larger than the Buff-breasted, it had the dark primaries, it had larger eyes and a proportionately smaller head, and it lacked the rich buff color on the face, throat and breast of the Buff-breasted Sandpiper.

The only other similar-sized shorebird with yellow legs would be the Greater or Lesser Yellowlegs which also lack the dark primaries, have a much longer bill, are lighter underneath and don't frequent alfalfa fields, at least not in any experiences any of us have had with them.

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

In flight it folded its wings almost falcon-like before landing, or swooping in for a landing. Upon landing it held its wings up for 1 or 2 seconds before folding them. On the ground it foraged by walking rather quickly and moving its head back and forth as it walked. There were four other Killdeer in the field but we observed no interaction between them and the sandpiper.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Kaufman's Ranch is like an oasis in the Gt. Basin Desert. There are springs, irrigation ponds, cultivated fields, irrigation ditches and windrows of Russian olive and elm trees. Nothing else but desert for 25 or more miles in any direction. We observed the sandpiper in an alfalfa field that had been recently cut and baled.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

A single call note when it flew over us. Later, in flight, a mellow whistled kip-kip-kip; eventhough a three note call not a yellowlegs.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I had seen this species once before a couple of years in New Jersey. Bob Parsons had seen it on numerous occasions before in the Midwest.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

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Bob Parsons