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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. 83-038
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name MOUNTAIN PLOVERScientific Name EUPODA MONTANA (CHARADRIUS MONTANUS) IN ONE FIELD GUIDESight date AUG. 31, '83 time 6:45 P.M. duration 15 min.Distance from bird 50-60 YARDSLight conditions VERY GOOD - SUN LOW IN WESTOptical equip. TASCO BUSHNELL BAL. SPOTTING
7X50 BINOCs 9X36 BINOCs SCOPE 25XPhoto. equip. NONENumber of this species seen 1Notes made at time of sighting ☐ Date this reportNotes made later from memory ☒ was prepared.Photo available ☐ Photo enclosed ☐ SEPT. 1, 1983

Weather at time of this observation.

MOSTLY CLEAR
WARM (70's) EST.

Prior weather & number of days since change

MOSTLY CLEAR - SOME AFTERNOON
TURBULENCE. FIVE-SIX DAYS SINCE
ANY MAJOR DISTURBANCE.

Locality

LAKE SHORE - SOUTH SIDE OF PROVO BAY
PORTION OF UT. LAKEMale ☐Adult ☐Age unk. ☒Basic Plumage ☐WINTER
Light Phase ☒Female ☐Subadult ☐♀ or Imm ☐Breeding ☐Dark Phase ☐Sex Unk. ☒Juv/Imm ☐____ year bird ☐Eclipse ☐Molting ☐Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.SIZE - 7 1/2" - 8" THERE WERE KILLDEER CLOSE BY TO COMPARE WITH & THIS SPECIES WAS
JUST SLIGHTLY SMALLER & SLIGHTLY SLIMMER.COLORS - FAIRLY NONDESCRIPT, TANNISH BROWN BACK, WINGS & HEAD.
STOMACH OR BELLY WHITE, BUFFY BREAST.HEAD - INDISTINCT WHITE FACIAL MARKINGS WITH FAINT WHITE LINE OVER EYE
THROAT - WHITE.LEGS - PALE, GREENISH-YELLOW LEGSCROWN - A BIT DARKER TAN THAN BACK & WINGSBEAK - SHORT, DARKISH & NOT AS THICK AT BASE AS AM. GOLDEN OR BLACK-
BELLIED PLOVERS. IT WASN'T NEEDLE-LIKE LIKE A YELLOWLEGS OR A
PHALAROPES BILL.WINGS - TANNISH. NO VISIBLE BARRING, MOTTLING OR STRIPE. DID NOT CAUSE
IT TO FLY.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

THIN, WHITE WING STRIPE
BLACK TAIL BAND WITH WHITE BORDER.
BIRD DIDN'T FLY. WE DIDN'T WANT TO SPOOK
IT; GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE TO OBSERVE IT.

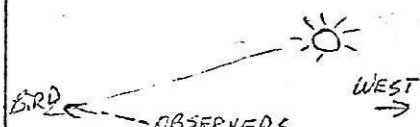
Variations from expected field marks.

NONE

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

~~LACKED ANY~~ LACKED ANY DISTINCT BREASTBANDS, MORE YELLOWISH LEGS THAN KILLDEER
BACK WAS NOT MOTTLED AS IN BLACK-BELLIED OR GOLDEN PLOVERS. UNIFORM
TAN.

DAVE & I WATCHED THIS BIRD FOR APPROX 15 MIN. IN EXCELLENT LIGHT AFTER
CONDITIONS (SEE BELOW), WITH SUN ALMOST TO OUR BACKS & LOW IN SKY (LATE P.M.)
COLORATION WAS DRAB (JUST LIKE THE REPRODUCTION IN ROBBINS,
& EVENTHOUGH A COUPLE OF GOOD FIELD MARKS WERE NOT
OBSERVED, THERE ISN'T ANOTHER PLOVER IT COULD HAVE
BEEN. IT WAS TOO LARGE FOR ANY PEEP (THERE WERE
100'S OF WESTERNS & 4-5 BIRDS AROUND WITH WHICH
TO COMPARE) & TOO SMALL FOR YELLOWLEGS. DUE TO LACK
OF MOTTLING ON BACK & SLIGHT SMUDGE ACROSS BREAST WE
FELT CONFIDENT OF I.D.



Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

WAS FEEDING ALONE IN AN AREA NEAR EDGE OF LAKE WITH KILLDEER NEARBY,
BUT NO INTERACTION WAS OBSERVED BETWEEN THEM. THE MT PLOVER WOULD RUN
QUICKLY A COUPLE OF FEET, STOP LOOK AT GROUND & THEN QUICKLY "CATCH" A FOOD
ITEM FROM SURFACE OF DRY OR SLIGHTLY WET GROUND. IT NEVER WENT INTO
THE WATER. WHEN WE ATTEMPTED TO MOVE CLOSER IT WOULD MOVE QUICKLY
AWAY & THEN WOULD BOB ITS HEAD. MORE ACCENTED BOBBING MOTION THAN ANY
OTHER PLOVER I HAVE OBSERVED. TAIL & POSTERIOR PART OF BODY DID NOT BOB AT ALL.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

EXPOSED MUD FLAT WITH SALTGRASS SCATTERED & TO A LENGTH OF ABOUT
4-6 INCHES. OTHER SHORTER SPECIES OF GRASS ALSO. WASN'T REALLY A MUD
FLAT, BUT PORTION OF FIELD EXPOSED BY RECEEDING WATERS OF UT. LAKE.

Describe birds song or sounds.

NO SOUND EMITTED

Names of other observers. A/C + phone #

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE WITH KILLDEER &
SPOTTED SANDPIPER. WASN'T EITHER OF THESE.
VERY MINIMAL WITH WINTER-PLUMAGED PLOVERS
SUCH AS GOLDEN & BLACK-BELLIED.

NONE WITH MT. PLOVER - "LIFER"

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