

## VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

Common Name: Ruddy TURNSTONE Scientific Name: *ARENARIA INTERPRES*  
 Date: MAY 13, 1991 Time: 5:45 PM Length of time observed: 90 sec.  
 Number: 3 Age: ADULT Sex: ?  
 Location: KAYSVILLE/LAYTON MARSH  
 Latilong: 2 Elevation (if known): 4,212  
 Distance to bird: 50 m Light conditions: good  
 Optical equipment: Celestron Scope  
 Weather: Hot/Clear

Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

SHORT SQUATTY SHORE BIRDS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN A KILLDEER

BACK BLACK WITH BRIGHT RUSTY SCAPULARS & RUSTY GREATER WING COVERTS. FLIGHT FEATHERS (PRIMARIES) APPEARED BLACK ON THE FEEDING BIRD

HEAD & NAPE white with fine black streaking ON CROWN

Black subocular line connected with black of chin, throat, AND BREAST. A partial neck ring also connected into black of throat giving the head A Very Harlequin appearance

Black of breast formed a broad band

Lower breast, belly, and under tail coverts were clean white

Eye & bill black. Bill wide at base, slightly longer than a plover's bill and slightly upturned

Legs, bright reddish orange

In flight, broad white wing-stripes, white stripes down middle of back and at base of wing stood out prominently, as well as mostly white head and base of tail.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: None heard

Behavior: picking and flipping debris on lake shore  
feeding with about 900 B.B. Plovers and 50 Red Knots

Habitat: Lake Shore of G.S.L.

What similar species might it have been and how were these eliminated:

a killdeer <sup>could</sup> come within the ballpark but not even particularly close.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

First Utah Turnstone  
many in Calif.

Books, illustrations, and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

all the usual ~~ones~~ mainly to see if I missed anything

Significance of record in this area or the state:

Rare transient in Utah

Additional material: (attach drawing, photograph, tape recording if available)

Description from notes taken at time of sighting \_\_\_ notes made later \_\_\_ from memory \_\_\_

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

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Date prepared:

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