

Common Name: Curlew Sandpiper

Scientific Name:

Date: May 18, 1991 Time: 7⁰⁵ - 7⁵⁰

Length of time observed: 45 minutes

Number: 1 Age: adult

Sex:

Location: Harold Crane Waterfowl M.A.

Lat/long:

Elevation (if known):

Distance to bird: within 75 feet

Light conditions:

Optical equipment: 8X42 Elite Bos + Lomb binocular

Weather: fine

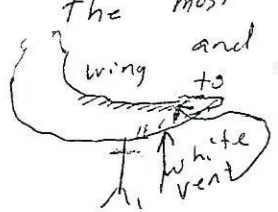
Description: (Write a detailed description of the bird's appearance, including size, shape, plumage pattern, color, and any unique features.)

About 1 1/2 times larger than Dunlin, somewhat Jumpy shaped like Dunlin legs dark

Bill long thin, curved throughout with sharpest curvature ~~for~~ about 1/4 from tip. Kind of thick at base, tip thin. Overall impression of bill was thin.

Bill all dark.

The most noticeable feature of this bird was the Ruffs underparts and head. It was fairly uniform on head, breast, belly except along the sides. This could be seen just below the folded wing. There were dark spots in the vent area.



The coverts contrasted with the back + scapular feathers. The coverts tertials + primaries were all grayish fringed evenly + fresh looking with a rufous color. They were unpatterned.

The back feathers were a little harder to determine pattern they were black with reddish edges that seemed even not like the smooth even edges of the coverts.

The head was russet light a base of bill, crown streaked finely with black

In flight

White on tail with dark end of tail I felt several times I was seeing a faint wingstrip. This was the hardest feature to determine.

Voice or call notes and method of delivery: None heard

Behavior: Was with Western Sandpipers + Dunlin
Feed + rested + preened

Habitat: mud flats near a dike road near GSL

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

The Curlew s. in breeding is distinctive.
Everything fit well on this bird.

What experience have you had with this and similar species:

First with Curlew Sandpiper but have done numerous
EIS surveys and am familiar with other sandpiper,
Dowitcher, Red Knot, which are the other reddish
species

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

After writing a description I looked at shorebirds + N&F.

Significance of record in this area or the state:

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

Description from notes taken at time of sighting _____ notes made ^{immediately after before looking at} later X from memory _____
_{any quick}

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Other observers who independently identified this bird:

Peter Paton who
first discovered bird

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