

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER DESCRIPTION

SEEN BY PERGER TAHOE AT GREAT SALT LAKE, DAVIS CO., UTAH

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11:20 AM

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2 Birds SEEN IN flight for approx 30 sec. w/ 10X30 binos  
as close as 30 meters.

90% cloud cover. not great light, difficult to get sense of color  
(but not backlit)

First seen when 3 birds flushed. Two birds giving high-pitched  
series of call notes unlike any other peep I had heard.

~~Flying~~  $\frac{3}{4}$  size of ♂ Wilson's Phalarope that they were flying  
with. Similar in size and flight characteristics to

Baird's Sandpiper: Relatively long-winged sandpipers.  
Smooth flight, not jerky like Phalaropes

Plumage characteristics:

- Back: brownish
- Upper wings: brownish w/ no wing stripe
- White band basal  $\frac{1}{2}$  of tail w/ terminal dark band  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of tail.
- Upper breast dark somewhat similar to Least Sandpiper
- Lower breast & belly whitish
- didn't notice dark spotting on flanks
- bill length: moderate, typical of peep, guessing  
somewhat similar to Western Sandpiper.

Birds flushed from standing water/seep weed

approx. 1 km. SSW of N. Davis Sewage Plant, Davis Co. Utah

Birds never seen on ground.

Call note was not Least, Western, or Baird's!