

Species: Red Knot
(Vernacular name)

Calidris canutus
(Scientific name)

If you watch birds solely for your own enjoyment, a written description of your observations is unnecessary. But, if you have seen something unusual, and would like to share this with others, a written description is essential. Compilers of regional bird lists must insist that their records be scientifically sound; future bird students--those studying occurrences 50 years from now--must have a written record on which to depend. By providing the verifying written description, you are employing a basic rule of the scientific method.

We recognize that experienced field observers can provide important and reliable records, if supported by an adequate verifying description. Thus this request is an effort to perpetuate your record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for examination by others in the future. This procedure is required for every extraordinary observation, irrespective of the observer.

Date (s): 5-17-00 Time Bird Seen: 2:40 pm to 2:50 pm

Locality: Fish Springs N.W.R., Jugway, Juab Co., Utah
Nearest town, county and state:

Optical equipment: Kowa scope, & 8x42 Celestron binos.

If photographed, please enclose copy. Equipment used: _____

Number of birds seen: 10 Sex: N/A Plumage: Alternate

Light conditions: Good

Distance from bird, and how measured: 100 yds., estimated

Describe the bird's overall behavior: The ten birds were on a small salt-flat island. Some were resting and others were running around picking food off the soil or nearby water.



Describe the habitat in which you observed the bird: Marsh, wetlands

Other observers who independently identified this bird (Please list name and address):

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Describe in great detail the bird which you saw. Emphasize particularly the field marks used to identify the bird, but include a complete description of the bird. Include size, overall shape, plumage and color pattern; details on shape or size of bill, wings, and tail. (Reference to its resemblance to field guide descriptions is not enough.) Describe what you actually saw in the field.

Smaller & not as chunky as a dowitcher. Typical "calidris" shape, with rusty red breast & head. The back appeared scaled, & undertail & belly white. Bill thin, medium in length, & black. Legs medium in length, & black. Primaries at rest appeared black.



Describe the bird's calls or sounds, if heard; including method of delivery-- i.e., from perch, in flight, etc.:

None heard

List similar species and how you eliminated them:

There are no similar species that come to compare with alternate plumaged knots.

Prior experience with this and similar species:

Have encountered this species numerous times on the Texas coast & at Cape May, NJ. Also have come in contact with this species in Oklahoma & Kansas.

This report was written from notes made during ___ after X observation; from memory ___.

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