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RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Upland Sandpiper

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

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DATE REPORT PREPARED:

May 28, 2006. Original report in June,2001

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

June 6, 2001

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

In meadow on south end of Priest Lake near Coolin, Idaho.

HABITAT:

Meadow

CONDITIONS:

I am now at your request re-reporting this bird that I originally reported 5 years ago. I cannot recall the exact weather conditions except to say there was nothing that interefered with our observation of this bird.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

No, not at all

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

Yes, later the same day

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

National Geographic.
Peterson's

I recognized the bird at the time but confirmed the ID both by reviewed the guides as well as the voice recordings on CD.

DESCRIPTION:

moderate to large shorebird with long thin neck and smallish head with eyes that seemed very large. The large eye on the smallish head with a long neck was the most obvious immediate field mark catching our attention. Had obvious yellow-legs. Profile unlike any other similar shorebird such as Yellow-legs, etc.

BEHAVIOR:

Bird was originally flushed unexpectedly out of the meadow and started calling with a call note that I was not familiar with. It then appeared to land on the back of the meadow out of view. We then followed an old road to the back of the meadow trying to relocate the bird because we didn't at that point know what it was. We came on the bird standing in the middle of the dirt road approximately 75 to 100 feet away. We had excellent looks for perhaps 30 seconds before the bird flew and disappeared around the meadow. It was not seen again. I pointed out the field marks noted above to my wife Georgene while we were observing the bird.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

I felt I had the positive identification immediately as noted above. We returned to our cabin and confirmed the ID from field guides, and also by listening to the flight call on CD. As I mentioned the flight call was new and unique to me, but matched exactly the call of the CD.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

See above. profile and calls much different from either Greater or Lesser Yellow-leg.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

See above

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

Started birding at about age 11 in 1950, so I have been birding for about 56 years. I have kept a life list, several state lists, home lists etc. I was one of the original board members for the Utah ornithological society. My wife and I were both tour leaders for the American Birding Association at the National Convention in Park City, Utah. I provided much of the information for geographic distribution of birds in Utah for the Sibley guide for western birds, and was acknowledged for such in the back of that field guide. My wife, Georgene, and I contributed much of the information for Salt Lake City in the "Metropolitan Guide" which was published by the American Birding Association. I was part of a team that for many years held the Utah big day record. With the exception of a few very difficult and complicated ID's, I feel I can identify almost all birds in the geographic areas in which I have lived by both sight and sound. I have conducted numerous Breeding Bird Surveys in both Utah and Idaho for close to 20 years.

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

None