

WV BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

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Species: *Arenaria interpres* Number: (leave blank)
Location: Date: Time:
Bird Seen: To: Age/Sex:

Description: In lieu of physical material substantiating a record (e.g., specimen, diagnostic photograph, vocal recordings) a complete written description can serve as verification for the biological record. Please be as thorough as your field notes allow. Do not feel constrained by the space provided. Additional supporting descriptions/illustrations may be attached. Note that photographs or recordings WILL NOT BE RETURNED but become part of the permanent record for the observation.

Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)
Medium sized shorebird. Relatively short bill. Orange legs and feet.

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)
Adult male in fresh breeding plumage. Mostly white head. Black bib on upper chest. White lower chest and belly. Black and white wings with chestnut wing coverts and scapulars. Black and white tail.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:
None

Description of behavior:
The Turnstone flew in with 5 Short-billed Dowitchers and landed in a mostly empty hatchery pond. They rested for about 15 minutes and then flew off.

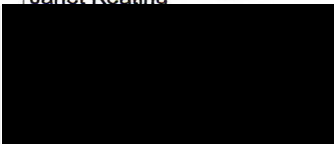
Habitat: (General and Specific)
Fish hatchery pond with scattered patches of water.

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)
While we were parked and watching the pond, the birds flew in to a location about 30 yards from us. There was a light drizzle at the time. We were able to identify the Turnstone before it landed. After it landed we watched it for about 15 minutes with binoculars and a 60-power spotting scope.

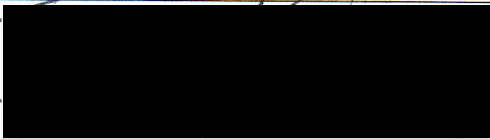
Previous experience with this species:
Both of us have seen Ruddy Turnstones many times.

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)
I have seen Black Turnstones many times on the western U.S. coast. There is really no chance of confusing an adult male Ruddy Turnstone in breeding plumage with anything else.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)
If the others agree with your identification they can sign this form here. If they care to provide additional details they can submit their own report.
Janet Keating



Additional observer signature:



Additional observer signature:

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Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and especially how did these influence this description:
Sibley Guide to Birds

How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
4 hours

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Structure: (Overall size and shape plus details on the head, feet, tail, etc.)

8-10 inches tall; medium sized shorebird with sharp pointed black beak, orange legs and feet; head is white with black streaks on crown and black stripe connecting to throat, beak, and breast

Plumage: (e.g. markings, coloration, molt)

Adult male breeding plumage; white head with black streaks on crown; black neck and breast sharply contrasted with all-white belly; rusty and black speckled feathers on wings.

Description of any vocalizations, if heard:

None heard

Description of behavior:

Foraging at edge of Ohio River

Habitat: (General and Specific)

Ohio River bank, on concrete boat ramp, rocky covered bank, and muddy river bank

Circumstances of observation: (Include details of distance to bird, optics employed, lighting in relation to observer and the bird)

Distance to bird - 10 yards

Optics - Vortex Viper HD 10x42

Lighting - Sunny morning

Previous experience with this species:

Have observed many Ruddy Turnstones on the shores of Atlantic and Gulf coast, as well as the banks of Lake Erie

Experiences with similarly appearing species which are eliminated by your description: (Please be specific)

I have observed all of the commonly appearing shorebirds in West Virginia. The only similar species is Killdeer of which I have observed hundreds.

Other observers: (Names, Addresses, E-mail please)

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David Patick -

Gary Rankin -

Mike Griffith -

Bryan and Shelly Smith -

Additional observer signature:

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

The Sibley Guide to Birds

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48 hours - and after encouragement from several in-state birders

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