

Ruddy Turnstone

Unanimously Accepted 7-0

Committee Member Comments:

CM1: All markings look good for a Ruddy Turnstone.

CM2: Yes for both reports. Both have good descriptions and the photos submitted with the second report clearly show a Ruddy Turnstone. Given that the first report was of a bird seen on July 22 and the second of a bird seen on July 24 and 25, both probably refer to the same bird, since both locations are located on the Ohio River and are not too far apart.

CM3: This is a fairly unique bird, unlikely to be confused with many other species. The observers are all experienced. Moreover, the photographs leave no doubt as to the identification. Timing fits with known patterns of migration/vagrancy. There are no issues with provenance. Therefore, a vote FOR this record is warranted. Good job documenting this rare visitor!

CM4: Indisputable photographic evidence.

CM5: I vote to include the Mason County sighting of the Ruddy Turnstone record for official state list. This is an excellent report with supporting photographs that provide evidence to conclusively include the record. The observation was well documented and was observed by five additional well known birders. The photographs are unmistakably a Ruddy Turnstone.

CM6: Unmistakable bird. Really nice photos.

CM7: The bird in question was seen by multiple individuals who provided photographic evidence, including one with a Killdeer in the background for comparison. The plumage of the bird is distinctive with a black bib, orange legs and orange lesser coverts, and in North America this breeding plumage cannot be confused with any other species. I have also seen hundreds of Ruddy Turnstones in Coastal Georgia and there is no doubt as to the identification of this species in my mind.