

VOTING SUMMARY

WEST VIRGINIA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

Number: WVBRC 2024-7

Species: Ruddy Turnstone - Cabell Co.

Reasons voting FOR the record: (*attach more pages if necessary*)

CM1 – Experienced observer

Excellent photograph showing distinguishing characteristics

CM2 – Black Turnstone is really the only potential confounder here and plumage characteristics allow easy separation. Well-documented and photographed bird by experienced observers. Great find!

CM3 – The description and photographs provided document this bird as a Ruddy Turnstone. Ruddy Turnstone is the only shorebird with the distinctive black loop from each shoulder to breast and up to the neck to form a collar, which is clearly seen in the photos provided, as is the black coloration on the upper breast. The wings also show the “rusty” coloration mixed black and some mottling and the legs are orange. All of these field marks support Ruddy Turnstone as the proper identification.

CM4 – Images and description are consistent with this species.

CM5 – Clear photographic evidence from experienced birder, good descriptions in report.

CM6 – This bird was present for a few days. Nice photos confirming ID. Interesting that another Ruddy Turnstone was reported from the Apple Grove Hatchery a couple of days earlier.

CM7 – Attached photos confirm the species

- Report and photos submitted from a reputable birder
- Written descriptions in report were thorough and supportive