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PETER PATON'S DESCRIPTION - WRITTEN 22:15 ON 5/18

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CURLEW SANDPEPER - 18 MAY 1991.

SEEN FROM 16:45-16:50 & 19:05-19:50 (w/ FULLA SORFSON)

FIRST SEEN AT 16:45 AT HAROLD CRANE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA ON THE WESTERN MOST DIKE. BIRD WAS ROOSTING ON THE DIKE WITH 300 WESTERN SANDPEPER AND ONE OUNTER.

I FIRST NOTICED THE BIRD IN FLIGHT, IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 1.5 TIMES AS LARGE AS WESTERN SANDPEPER IT WAS FLYING WITH, & DARK BROWN.

AFTER IT LANDED I NOTICED THE BILL. THE BILL WAS ABOUT 1.5-1.75 TIMES LONGER THAN ADJACENT WESTERN SANDPEPER. THE BILL WAS CURVED THROUGHOUT, BUT GREATEST CURVE WAS LAST 1/4 OF BILL. BILL WAS SOLID BLACK. BILL WAS THICKER AT BASE AND BECAME THINNER AT TIP.

PLUMAGE:

BREAST-BELLY = UNIFORM RUSSET, NO SPOTS OR OTHER COLORS NOTED ON FEATHER EDGE

VENT - WHITE w/ A FEW BLACK SPOTS ON OUTSIDE EDGE OF VENT.

HEAD - RUSSET ON SIDES - LIGHT WHITE AT BASE OF BILL & FACET WHITE SUPERCILIUM. CROWN WAS STRIPED WITH SOME BLACK.

COVERTS - LIGHT GRAY w/ WHITE EDGES.

SCAPULARS - BLACK & RUSSET

TAIL - WHITE STRIPE AT BASAL HALF, DARK (BLACK?) AT TERMINAL HALF OF TAIL.

SEEN AT A DISTANCE OF 10-100m

w/ 10x90 Power Binoculars & a 22x Spotting  
Scope. Weather was 20% Cloud, 65°F,

IDEN: LIGHT CONTOUR

LEGS WERE BLACK

Overall size of bird was about 1.5

times larger than adjacent western sandpiper.

NOT A RED KNOT OR ~~DOWNY WOODPECKER~~ WIFE TO

BIRD SHAPE & SIZE, ~~AND~~ ABREAST

COLOR (RUFFET (RECH CINNAMON)) RATHER

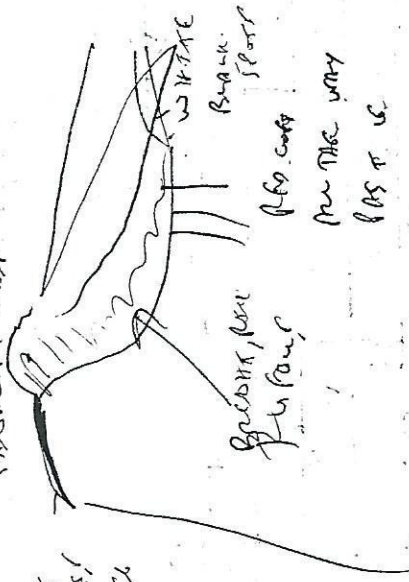
THAN RUFF COLORED

NO WHITE STRIPE NOTED IN WING.

5-11 H. CANE

ABOUT 1.5 TIMES SIZE &  
DIFFERENT WING

NOSE  
TIPS  
BEAK



BRONZE, BLUE  
RUFOUS

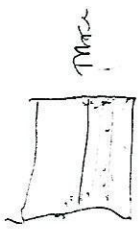
WHITE  
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IN THE WAY  
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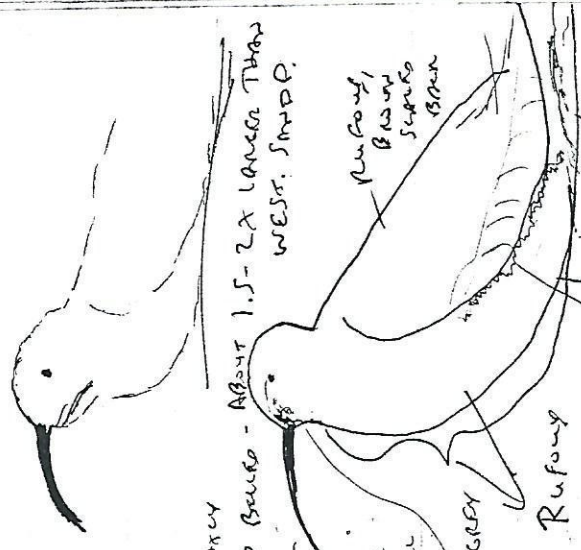
DIFFERENT COMPART TO BIRD

SET UP WITH GONG WIND  
10/10x to BRONZE  
SET c 16:45 u



THAT

WING



CONSIDERABLY  
CAPTURED BIRDS - ABOUT 1.5-2X LARGER THAN  
WEST. SHARP.

BLACK  
SPOTS

LIGHT GRAY

REAR RUFOUS

COAR, CIVE

UNIFORM COAR

ATTACHED FROM

FACE THROUGH WING

BLACK WING

RUFOUS,  
BLACK  
SPOTS  
BROWN

WHITE  
W/ GRAY  
BLACK  
SPOTS