

**UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE**  
**VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH**

COMMON NAME: *Wandering Tattler*      SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Heteroscelus incanus*

DATE: *May 25, 01*      TIME: *7:00 pm*      LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: *1 hour*

NUMBER: *1*      AGE: *adult*      SEX: *?*

LOCATION: *Antelope Island State Park Marina*

COUNTY: *Davis*      LAT/LONG:      ELEVATION:

DISTANCE TO BIRD: *25 meters*

WEATHER: *few clouds mainly clear, no wind*

LIGHT CONDITIONS: *Bright.*

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:**

*This was a medium sized shorebird gray overall. heavily barred with wavy gray stripes on under parts including throat, chest, belly and undertail. less heavily barred near the rear end with faintly barred rear belly. long wings, long tail, dark yellow legs. Medium dark bill with long nasal groove. white supercilium, dark lores. bird almost appeared to have a ~~very~~ white eye ring.*

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: none heard

BEHAVIOR: behaved very much like a spotted Sandpiper. Pumping its tail bobbing up & down feeding on and around the big rocks of the Marwa

HABITAT: found on and around the large rocks of the northwest island causeway of the Marwa of the Great Salt Lake.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

grey-tailed Tattler - barney not as extensive on mudflats, nasal groove not as long  
Willet: looks distinct upon body barney, blue grey legs, taller overall. different color overall.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

This is my first observation of this species

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

Shorebirds - an identification guide

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING , NOTES MADE LATER , FROM MEMORY

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DATE PREPARED: June 24, 06

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO , DRAWING , TAPE , OTHER

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