

UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
VERIFICATION OF UNUSUAL SIGHT RECORD FOR UTAH

COMMON NAME: *Carlew Swift* SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Caladris ferruginea*
 DATE: May 8, 01 TIME: 7:30 Am LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 30 minutes
 NUMBER: 1 AGE: adult SEX: ?
 LOCATION: Antelope Island causeway
 COUNTY: Davis LATILONG: ELEVATION:
 DISTANCE TO BIRD: 10 meters
 WEATHER: clear no wind
 LIGHT CONDITIONS: Bright

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD:

This was a medium sized shorebird.
 It had a reddish brown head, breast, mantle and belly.
 Decurved bill with whitish area near the base of the lower ~~upper~~ bill.
 white rump visible when the bird stretched out its wings as was
 a white wing stripe. white undertail coverts - some spots.

SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: -

BEHAVIOR: This bird was mostly sleeping or sitting still in among sand dunes, occasionally the bird would stretch out and preen itself.

HABITAT: rocky shoreline of the Great Salt Lake along the envelope island causeway

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED:

Oceanic, while the oceanic is similar in basic plumage and has the decurved bill in breeding plumage it does not have this reddish brown plumage instead has uniform cream & back whitish throat & back with dark streaking, black belly, lacks white sup. Still sand piper - while it has a slightly decurved bill, bill is thicker, has green legs than are longer, white supercilium, different color ~~Oceanic Sandpiper~~ ^{and all} lacks decurved bill, reddish browns does not extend to belly

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES:

I observed another eastern sandpiper along the envelope island causeway several years ago along with many other observers

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

shorebirds - an identification guide
National Geographic - birds of N. America
Sibley - guide to birds

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

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DATE PREPARED: June 21, 01

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO , DRAWING _____, TAPE _____, OTHER _____

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