

Bird Record Appraisal Committee Unusual Record Report Form

This form is intended to aid observers in the preparation of a submission for a major rarity in New South Wales. (It is not a mandatory requirement) Please complete all sections ensuring that you attach all relevant information including copies of your notes, photographs or other supportive material. (PLEASE USE BLACK INK).

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Address:	Phone No:
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Species Name: Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Scientific Name: <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
Date(s) and time(s) of observation: 26-12-2018	
How long did you watch the bird(s)? 2 hours	
First and last date of occurrence: First observed by a Hastings birder on or about 23-12-2018, reported on eBird by Liam Murphy 26-12-2018 & photographed by me on the 26-12-2018. Others reported it over the next few days.	
Distance to bird: 25/75 Mts.	

Site Location (e.g 3km SE of Wybong Head, Munmorah SRA, NSW) 500 mts along Boyters Lane on Left, Jerseyville NSW. Last pond before first house.

Habitat (describe habitat in which the bird was seen, together with any neighbouring habitats): Shallow wetlands, occasional salt water entry. Private property beside Boyters Lane.
Sighting conditions (weather, visibility, light conditions etc.): Fair weather.
Optical aids used: Binoculars, zoom lens

To your knowledge, is the species seen frequently at this site? Not to my knowledge, I keep a list started by Ken Shingleton of birds known to be seen at Boyters Lane
Did you use a field guide? (or any other references for help with identification). yes
Were other observers present Do any of the other observers disagree with your identification, if so, who? (please give names, addresses and phone numbers)? Liam Murphy (0432 024 537), Karen Smedley (65 669 403) and others.

How confident are you of your identification?, e.g. 70%, 100%. If not 100%, why not?
100%

Other details: e.g. Do you have historical and or anecdotal information/comments relating to the prior occurrence/status of the species within or near this location? *If more space is needed for any section, please attach with your notes.*

Physical Description of Bird - Please describe only what you saw: (1) No. of individuals present (living or dead); (2) age (adult, juvenile, immature) and sex; (3) size and shape; (4) plumage colour and pattern (including any details of moult); (5) colour of bill, eyes and legs/feet; (6) calls; (7) behaviour, movements, flight pattern, and anything else that might help to identify the bird e.g. feeding, interactions with other birds, describe where the bird was – on ground, in canopy, flying etc. Were comparisons made with other species? *Please also state whether you saw the complete bird or only part of it?* (e.g. upper/lower/front/rear of bird).

One bird basically with Sharp-tailed Sandpipers, but appeared independent. Lighter in colour than expected with thin neck and small head. Dark bill, but with pale buff base which goes all the way around bill. Pale eye ring prominent, legs more yellow than Sharp-tailed. Slightly smaller and slimmer than Sharp-tailed. Periodically drops briefly to haunch position or settles in depressions. Occasional upright stance, making it look larger. Mainly kept to muddy edges.

(Attach a description and where possible a copy of your field notes)

Other species with which you think it might be confused and how these were eliminated?

(Please append your comments / views following your description)

Was the description written from notes and/or sketches made (tick box):

during the observation or; shortly after the observation or; from memory?

SHORTLY AFTER OBSERVATION

Please indicate supportive evidence available.

Was the bird: photographed, taped or video taped? If yes to any of these, by whom?

Photographed by me and Liam Murphy and others.

What experience have you had with the species in question? (Did you know it was a Rare bird when you first saw it?)

Nil experience and Liam Murphy was there when I got there and he told me. Other birders arrived shortly after me.

Signature: I Bradshaw

Date: 8-06-2019

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