

Dear Tony

I write to submit a record to the Birdlife Australia Rarities Committee (**the committee**) in respect of the much observed Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Calidris subruficollis* which was located at Lake Wollumboola New South Wales from 12 December 2020 to at least 15 March 2021. I attach several photographs of the subject bird. I invite the committee to opine as to its age and plumage.

Characteristics that lent themselves to the identification of the medium sized shorebird concerned included its overall plain buff hued appearance; relatively small and well rounded head; subtly streaked crown; faint supercilia; prominent dark eyes; pale eyerings; short needlelike yet slightly decurved dark bill; relatively long bright yellow coloured legs; pale vent and rear flanks; mostly white coloured underwings; indistinct upperwing bars; and concolourous rump. The latter two features in particular caused the bird to be easily distinguished from a female Ruff *Calidris pugnax* known also as a Reeve. It is I think useful to note that more than 100 photographs of the subject bird can be retrieved from the online database called eBird.

Please contact me should the committee require any further information about the subject bird.

Sincerely

Jesse









