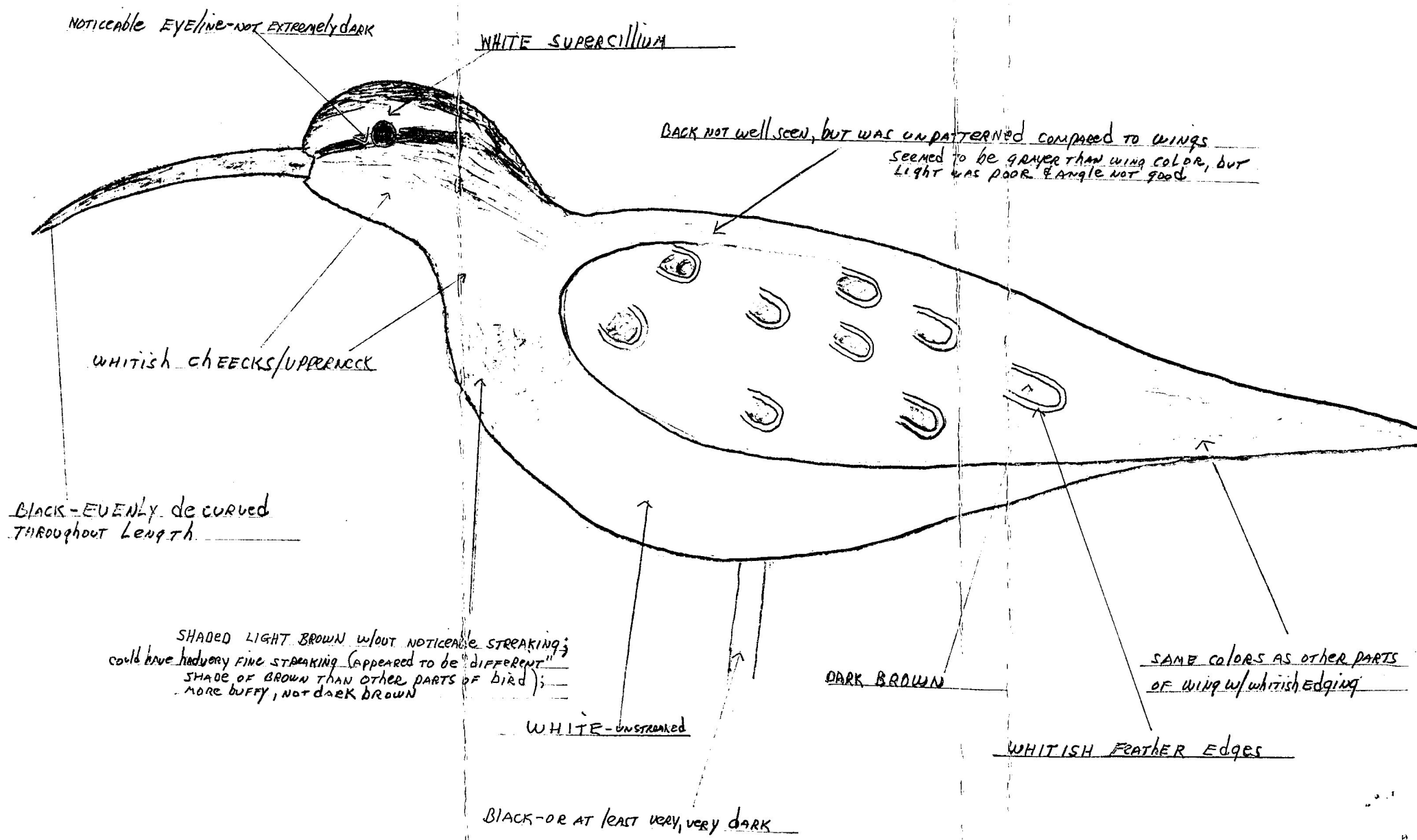


RARE SPECIES REPORT

316-01-1992

SPECIES: Possible Curlew Sandpiper		NUMBER SEEN: ONE
SIGHTING DATE: October 2, 1992		SIGHTING TIME: 6:50 P.M.
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: LANCASTER, PA. DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: RT 427 S. of Quarryville & N. of Oxford DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: SHALLOW WATER ADJACENT TO MUD FLATS IN HEADWATERS OF LAKE		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS:	LIGHTING: POOR - SUN HAD FALLEN BELOW HORIZON DISTANCE: 100 FEET EQUIP. USED: KOWA TSN-2 @ 20X LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 4 MINUTES	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: NOT HEARD SIZE: SMALLER THAN LESSEE YELLOWLEGS PLUMAGE: JUVENILE - NOT SEEN IN FLIGHT ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): SEE REVERSE BEHAVIOR: FEEDING ^{ALMOST} IN ^{NEAR} DEEP WATER; ENTIRE BILL WOULD BE SUBMERGED & THEN WOULD PROBE DOWITCHER-LIKE BENEATH SURFACE, BUT WOULD ONLY PROBE 3/5 TIMES, THEN RAISE BILL	
BIRD HAD DARK LEGS THAT APPEARED BLACK - LENGTH WAS TOO SHORT FOR STILT SANDPIPER		
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: OBSERVED FOUR CURLEW SANDPIPERS THIS YEAR AT BOMBAY; HOOK, BUT ALL WERE ADULTS - JUVENILE PLUMAGE NEVER OBSERVED PREVIOUSLY; ALSO, I HAVE NEVER SEEN WINTER PLUMAGED CURLEW SANDPIPER, ALTHOUGH ONE WAS ABOUT 70% MOLTED		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: APPEARED TO BE LONGER NECKED THAN DUNLIN - LESS BULL-HEADED; HAD FAIRLY STRONG WHITE SUPERCILLIUM EXTENDING WELL BEYOND EYE AND ALL THE WAY TO BILL; NO TRACES OF GRAY IN WINGS; WING RATHER CENTERS VERY DARK w/ PALE FRINGES		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? YES IF SO, BY WHO? Ed Pederson but light was very poor		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who? Robert M. Schutsky		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): R.M. Schutsky & Leon Schaffler both saw bird in flight and stated that it had a white rump w/out any internal marking (i.e. Dunlin)		
SIGHTING & REPORT BY: Jerry Book		
ADDRESS: 164 WARREN WAY LANCASTER PA. 17601		PHONE # (717) 569-2354
SIGNATURE: Jerry Book		DATE: 10-2-92



NOTICEABLE EYE/LINE - NOT EXTREMELY DARK

WHITE SUPERCILLIUM

BACK NOT WELL SEEN, BUT WAS UNPATTERNED COMPARED TO WINGS
SEEMED TO BE GRAYER THAN WING COLOR, BUT LIGHT WAS POOR & ANGLE NOT GOOD

WHITISH CHECKS/UPPERNECK

BLACK - EVENLY DE CURVED
THROUGHOUT LENGTH

SHADED LIGHT BROWN w/out NOTICEABLE STREAKING;
could have had very FINE STREAKING (appeared to be "DIFFERENT"
SHADE OF BROWN THAN OTHER PARTS OF BIRD);
MORE BUFFY, NOT DARK BROWN

WHITE - UNSTREAKED

BLACK - OR AT LEAST VERY, VERY DARK

DARK BROWN

SAME COLORS AS OTHER PARTS
OF WING w/ WHITISH EDGING

WHITISH FEATHER EDGES

316-01-1992

Observations at Octorara Lake October 2, 1992, regarding
a possible Curlew Sandpiper:

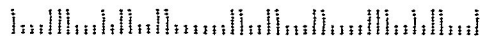
When I arrived the bird was feeding but before long
it began preening. The bill was down-curved. In a few
minutes it began feeding again. The curved bill could
be seen at various angles. The small group of birds
flew directly away from us then banked to the right.
The target bird was smaller and fourth from the front
followed by a few even smaller peeps. The rump appeared
pure white with dark tail and feet.

Leon E. Schreffler

LEON SCHREFFLER
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LANCASTER, PA. 17601



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164 Warren Way
Lancaster, PA 17601







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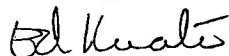
Jerry Book
164 Warren Way
Lancaster, PA 17601

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for submitting details of the Curlew Sandpiper in Lancaster County on 2 October 1992 to P.O.R.C. After careful review we feel that we cannot accept this record. Several committee members felt that the details submitted were not sufficient to conclusively rule out other species such as Stilt Sandpiper in particular. This does not mean that the bird was not a Curlew Sandpiper, but merely that the committee needs to be especially careful with a potential first state record. If any more details come to light (such as the photographs you mention), please feel free to resubmit this record to P.O.R.C.

We would like to encourage you to submit documentation on any rare birds you find in the future.

Sincerely,



Ed Kwater
Chairman

Record # 316-01-1992

9 December 1994

Jerry Book
164 Warren Way
Lancaster, PA 17601

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for resubmitting documentation and photographs on the Curlew Sandpiper at Octoraro Lake on 2 October 1992 to P.O.R.C. Unfortunately, the photos were not of the quality that were helpful in determining species. After careful and painstaking consideration, we once again feel we cannot accept this record. Much of your description was excellent and bolstered by your references presented a very strong case for acceptance. In fact, the record received 4 positive votes out of seven (six are needed for acceptance). A few committee members felt that juvenile Stilt Sandpiper has not been completely eliminated. The scaly juvenile plumage of the Stilt Sandpiper, like that of the Curlew Sandpiper, can also be retained into October (Hayman et al). The characteristics of a noticeable pale supercilium, buffy wash on the upper chest/ lower neck area and the white rump seen in flight are also present on juvenile Stilt Sandpiper. The committee also felt that the leg color is too variable to be used in this individual especially under the low light conditions that were reported. Once again this does not mean that the bird was not a Curlew Sandpiper, but the committee wants to be completely certain with a potential first state record.

We encourage you to continue to submit detailed documentation on any rare birds you find in the future.

Sincerely

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 316-01-1992

P.S. If it's any consolation, I personally voted for acceptance.

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Curlew Sandpiper

Date of Sighting: 2 October 1992 to 2 October 1992

Observer(s): Bob Schutsky

Date of Submission: 1992

Submitted by: Bob Schutsky

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas				X			
F. Haas							X
R. Ickes				X			
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner				X			
J. Skinner			X				
TOTALS			1	5			1
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Date:

7/2/93