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RUFF GULL POINT, PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK, ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA Sept. 24, 1989



Larger than a Lesser Yellowlegs but smaller than a Greater Yellowlegs.

Head had reddish brown cap.

Feet were very yellow thicker and shorter than the Yellowlegs with no orangeish coloring.

Bird seen as close as ten feet with 7 X 35 binoculars and seen flying. White tail spots well noted. This was at 1:10 P.M. Sunday afternoon. I was alone and the bird not seen again.

I did not have a book with me at the time and did not notice the yellow at the base of the bill.

The bird resembled a Buff-breasted Sandpiper in coloring except for the reddish cap.

It was much lighter than a dowitcher and had a longer neck. It looked much like a very small Willit until it flew, revealing the tail pattern of the Ruff.

This is the second report of a Ruff from Presque Isle, One was reported seen on August 9, 1973.