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I know I did not write up a description of the Ruff I saw at Tinicum, PA on 9-5-82 but, here is a copy of my notes - do with it what you want.

The Ruff was  $\approx$  2 Lesser Yellowlegs + Least Sandpipers about 50-60 ft from "the blind." It appeared to stand ~~about~~ slightly taller than the Lesser Yellow legs. The legs were yellow but ~~not~~ a duller yellow than the L. Yellowlegs. The <sup>dark</sup> bill was about the same length but looked thicker + was slightly decurved. The neck + breast were plain + buffy. Belly was white. The back feather pattern was different than L. Yellowlegs, the feathers were bigger + edges were light. The back looked brownish. I used a swift scope +

about afternoon/evening. I showed the Ruff to my wife  
& a man that was there (beginner birder).

The bird looked closest to the picture of a  
juvenile male Ruff in the book "Shorebirds" by Peter Hayman.

Good Birding,

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P.S. I have seen Ruffs & Reefers before  
in Michigan, NJ & Del.

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