

bright cloudy, sun behind. Seen feeding in stubble with Wood Ducks (ca. 150) and Mallards (ca. 20). We were up on the dike. Did not see it flying. Back of head, back of neck, and back — blackish. Underparts deep buffy. Throat whitish. White, approximately horizontal stripes, on sides. Primaries blackish. Base of tail white, end black. Slightly larger, body size, than Wood Ducks. Vern and Dave could see the bluish-gray bill. About 9:15. Randall Madding phoned me from Owensboro, Ky., 8/26 and told me that he had seen this bird 8/24 and 8/25, here, with Wm. Bell. On 8/27 I phoned Dave, who phoned Vern, who phoned someone downstate to check it out." (Record accepted by IORC, 1990 report.)

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

29 September 1974. One immature. IL., Fulton Co., Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge. With Carolyn Howard, Larry Balch; also present were Tom Gantz, Jeff Sanders, Dave Bohlen, Dick Sandburg, Pat Ward, and others. "About yesterday noon, Dave Bohlen called Judy Balch and told her of the discovery of this species. Fran and I went square dancing last night. I got only 2 hours of sleep because Corrie, Larry and I left at 3 a.m. for Lake Chataqua (sic). By walking through shore mud and water we eventually approached to within about 60 yards. About 8 a.m. With peeps including Pectorals. Slightly smaller than Pec and bearing a fair resemblance to one.

Reddish-brown cap, white line over eye, dash line through the eye. Bill dusky. Legs pale — an off yellowish. Breast bright buffy. Throat white. Breast color was not sharply separated from white of balance of underparts. At the distance, could not make out any streaks on breast. Back Pec-like. Pat Ward, and someone else, got some pictures yesterday, but they are not optimistic about the quality that they will be. They heard it call yesterday: 'More mellow than Pec, not as high as Baird's.' Dave and Dick Sandburg were together when they found the bird. At quite a distance, Dave said to Dick that a bird looked like a possible Buff-breasted. Dick went back for the telescope and they got to within 50 yards of it.

Purple Sandpiper

27 October 1976. One. IL., Lake Co. Waukegan beach. Alone. "With 2 Black-bellies and about 8 Sanderlings on the beach at Waukegan. Fairly bright yellow legs, dark gray upperparts and breast. Did not get close enough to see base of bill — possibly this is why it looked all dark. Noticeably larger than the Sanderlings but substantially smaller than the Black-bellies. If the bird were to be placed according to size as a Sanderling or Black-belly — it would be sized as a Sanderling. I did not want to flush the bird for fear of scaring it away before someone else could come out. I immediately drove to a phone and called Larry. When I got back, I could not find the bird. ➤