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PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE LITTLE STINT (CALIDRIS MINUTA) FOR MAINLAND NORTH AMERICA

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The Little Stint (Calidris minuta) breeds on arctic tundra from northeastern Scandinavia eastward to central Siberia, occurring only casually east of the Indigirka River at 150° E (Dement'ev, G. P., N. A. Gladkov, and E. P. Spangenberg, Birds of the Soviet Union, vol. 3, p. 149–153. Israel Program for Scientific Translations, 1969). The only published Nearctic record for this species is an individual photographed in Bermuda $10-\bar{1}2$ June 1975 (K. Pellow, Am. Birds 30:918, 1976). Probably because of the remoteness of its nesting area, this species is the only Calidris sandpiper that has not been recorded from mainland North America. In this note we report on its occurrence near Barrow, Alaska.

On 28 June 1976 we took several color photographs of a small Calidris sandpiper as the bird moved about with a Semipalmated Sandpiper (C. pusilla) 3 km south of the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory near Barrow. The bird was photographed in good light at less than 8 m with a 400 mm lens and extension tubes. These photographs showed features that allowed us to identify the bird as a Little Stint:

bill and legs black; bill short, slightly tapered, straight: upper parts decidedly rufous with scapulars black centrally, rimmed by foxy buff or terminally white; pale fringes on feathers of the mantle formed an obvious "V" down the back; crown streaked dark, head suffused with chestnut wash; faint darker eyestripe forward of eye; pale supercilium less distinct over eve; chin and throat white, sides of throat and chest streaked, pattern growing stronger laterally to wings: belly pure white, no flank streaks; wings did not extend beyond tail. The richness of color and welldefined pattern indicate that the bird was in full nuptial plumage. It foraged close to the Semipalmated Sandpiper for 20 min, which afforded an excellent comparison of size, and revealed that the unidentified bird was slightly smaller. Thus size and plumage pattern are consistent with the bird's being a Little Stint, eliminating the most similar species (Semipalmated and Rufous-necked (C. ruficollis) sandpipers) or any other calidridine. Its call note was squeaky, decidedly fuller than that of the Western Sandpiper (C. mauri), but much thinner than the calls of Semipalmated or Rufous-necked sandpipers.

Copies of the slides were submitted to D. I. M. Wallace, an European ornithologist familiar with Little Stints in the field (Wallace, Br. Birds 67:1-17, 1974). He confirmed our identification (Wallace, pers. comm.). Copies of the slides have also been sent to Daniel Gibson (University of Alaska Museum), and Stanley Anderson (Photoduplicate File, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laurel, Maryland).

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OBSERVATIONS ON WHITE APAPANE AT HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

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Apapane (Himatione sanguinea), the most abundant native bird in Hawaii, are found on all major islands (Berger, Hawaiian birdlife, Univ. Press of Hawaii, Honolulu, 1972). The usual coloration of this species is a uniform blood-red body plumage with only the abdomen white; beak, tibiotarsus, and feet are black. A white Apapane was first noticed at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the island of Hawaii in late 1973. The bird was a partial albino with wings, lower chest, and areas of the back white. Other feathered regions appeared orange; tarsus and feet were salmon-colored while the beak was black. This is the first record of albinism in any member of the endemic Hawaiian honeycreeper family (Drepanididae).

A white Apapane remained in this area throughout 1974–75 and could be observed from the overlook in front of the Volcano House Hotel, as it frequented tops of tall ohia (*Metrosideros collina*) trees. However, from late November 1975 through August 1976 we did not see any white birds here. We were surprised, therefore, to find four partially albinistic Apapane near Volcano House Hotel on 20 December 1976, and to find at least one bird present throughout 1977 and 1978. It is possible that these birds were related to the "original" white Apapane first seen in 1973. The recessive gene for albinism

persisted in a population of Blue Jays (*Cyanocitta cristata*) for at least 45 years in an area of Tennessee (Laskey, Auk 90:685, 1973).

All four individuals seen on 20 December 1976 were observed in the late afternoon foraging in ohia blossoms. Soon a single bird flew up the slope of Mauna Loa, followed shortly thereafter by the other three white and two normal Apapane in a flock. White Apapane have been seen at 1220 m elevation, 2.5 km above our observational area (L. Katahira, pers. comm.), and a partially albinistic Apapane was reported at 1680 m elevation on Keauhou Ranch, 11.5 km directly upslope from the location of our sightings (Carpenter and MacMillen, pers. comm.). These sightings at spaced elevations up the slope of Mauna Loa, might indicate some sort of daily or seasonal movement by Apapane. Possibly these sightings were of different birds. More study with marked individuals is needed before any conclusions can be reached regarding movement patterns in this species.

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LAPLAND LONGSPUR IN SOUTHEASTERN MÉXICO

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On 6 November 1974, I found a Lapland Long-spur (Calcarius lapponicus), recently deceased, at the edge of a road, 5.3 km east of Celestún, Yucatán (20°52′N, 90°24′W). This locality, at the northwest corner of the Yucatán Peninsula, is in an extensive mangrove swamp. The specimen is an adult male in winter plumage, and the feathers show little or no wear. The body bore only small amounts of subcutaneous fat. The slightly rufescent greater wing coverts and the back heavily streaked with black in-

dicate that the specimen is *C. l. lapponicus*. The specimen is in the private collection of the author, and is available for loan.

In North America the Lapland Longspur winters to southern California (McCaskie, Condor 68:597–598, 1966), through the central United States, and casually to Virginia, Florida, and Bermuda (Am. Ornithol. Union, Check-list of North American birds, Baltimore, 1957). Contributors to American Birds reported few unusual occurrences of the Lapland Longspur during the autumn migration of 1974, although several regional editors for the eastern United States felt that the species was exceptionally early in their areas, and southeastern Louisiana reported its second record of this species (Purrington,