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First record of Baird's sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* for Cabo Verde

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In Volume 5, Number 2, of *Zoologia Caboverdiana*, Richard Porter and Tony Prater reassessed the two existing records of Baird's sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* for Cabo Verde, concluding that both were misidentified, based on the respective photographs in the 6th and 8th Cabo Verde Bird Reports (Hazevoet 2010, 2014). The photographs showed, respectively, a little stint *Calidris minuta* and a white-rumped sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*. We would like to

set the record straight here, and confirm that we did indeed record a juvenile Baird's sandpiper at São Vicente sewage works on 1st-3rd November 2012 (Fig. 1). However, the labelling as a Baird's of the white-rumped sandpiper in the 8th report was an error, for which we can only apologise for any part we played.

In that year, we visited São Vicente sewage works on September 30 and October 1, and then again between October 31 and November 3.

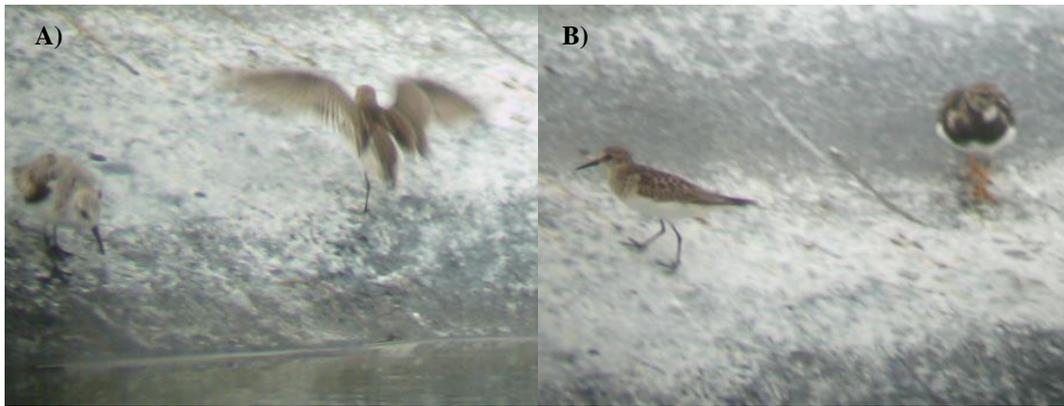


Fig 1. Video snapshots of juvenile Baird's sandpiper together with A) sanderling and B) turnstone, São Vicente sewage works, 3 November 2012 (photo by Juan Brown).

On September 30 and October 1, one American wader (a lesser yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*) was present. Two white-rumped sandpipers were logged on the first return visit, on October 31, followed by two American golden plovers *Pluvialis dominica*, a Baird's sandpiper, four white-rumped sandpipers and a lesser yellowlegs the next day. American waders peaked on November 2, when three

American golden plovers, one Baird's sandpiper, eight white-rumped sandpipers, and two lesser yellowlegs were all present at the sewage works. All birds were juvenile/ first-winters, with the exception of an adult white-rumped sandpiper. With the removal of the 2007 record, the 2012 Baird's sandpiper now constitutes the first record of the species for Cabo Verde

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