

Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*), Paloma Ranch, Maricopa County

A Red Knot was reported on 25 September 2021 by Darryl Montgomery, and two Red Knots were photographed by Janine McCabe on 26 September 2021

Red Knot is a casual fall transient in Arizona. Red Knots are noted for their extraordinary long-distance migrations, and worldwide populations have declined significantly.

These are juvenile Red Knots, as aged by the scaly pattern on the bird's scapulars, coverts, and tertials. Juvenile and non-breeding Red Knots are mostly gray with a white lower belly, barred flanks, and dull yellow-grayish legs. Red Knot is a chunky but long-winged shorebird and its shape is quite distinctive. It has short legs, medium-length bill, and a horizontal posture.







26 September 2021, photo by Janine McCabe

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