3 Dec 2013 Email Submission by Suzanne Sullivan:

Dear Matt,

Please see below my submission of the Common Ringed Plover from Sandy

Point Plum Island on 5/20/2013.

This adult CRPL was observed for approximately 30 minutes in a group

of  40 Semipalmated Plovers and  40 Semipalmated Sandpipers. The tide

was receding at approx. mid point and a good part of the muddy flat in

the small cove to the right of the "sandy point" was exposed.  A few

Least Sandpipers and Piping Plovers were also sprinkled in the group.

The CRPL was the first bird  I got on. I was instantly drawn by the

contrast and the amount of black around the head easily seen with the

naked eye as I approached the flat.  Although it did not always look

this way, for the most part, this  bird seemed to stand differently

from the SEPL's , more erect, extended neck, seemed slightly larger in

direct comparison. As soon as I was able to locate the bird in my

scope I knew instantly it had strong potential for a CRPL. Features I

noted: White line behind eye bordering black mask, white on forehead

seemed to curve under to point just under eye, small more dainty like

bill,  more extensive breast band, black lores extending down to gape.

All good for CRPL. I studied it for a while and tried to get as many

photos from different angles, especially  next to or near SEPL's. I

believe this bird is classic CRPL and hits all the nails on the head

for identifying such out of range.

As soo as I got home from work I loaded the photos and sent them off

to Jeremiah Trimble and Marshall Iliff.  Had a meeting that night. was

dying to get home to see if they concurred which they did!

Unfortunately, due to curtain sticking on my camera,  there are over

exposed areas in the attached record  shots. I feel lucky I was able

to record this bird  at all because it went in the shop shortly after

this day.

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