

Subj: **Field report stuff**
Date: 6/4/99 8:09:58 AM Central Daylight Time
From: oldcoot@iastate.edu (James J Dinsmore)
To: Thkent@aol.com

Tom

I got an early start today. Good thunderstorm just rolled through here so assume it is on its way to Iowa City. I asked Rob about the Henslows but guess he thought I was only interested in the sharp-tails. He found several Henslows at Elk Creek Marsh in Worth County and Fen Valley in Clay County. Didn't get any details (=dates) on those but sounded like they might be nesting. I told him to keep watching for them, might be worth a note in IBL but he didn't mention them in his reply. I think it is safe to say he saw them in late May. I will forward you his message to me.

I emailed Lampe about burrowing owl but haven't heard back from him. Talked to my grad student, Rachel, last night. She said she is hearing Virginia Rails all over on some of her study plots. Also has heard or seen a number of American bittern which is good news but only one or two least bittern so far.

I mailed you a revised draft of the Amazilia note yesterday. I got a bunch of stuff on the capture and move of the bird from Ann and Jane and tried to get it all blended in to one note. Sent to all four of you (you, Ann, Jane, and Carole Stoltz). Hope it looks okay.

Not sure what to say about a 50 year article. Might be fun but not sure of time to get it done. I only have a 24 year window on Iowa birds so would need to depend on what others said from earlier years. Do you want to do something like that or should we do it together? I actually have some of that information in the article that was in the Iowa Academy of Science from earlier this year but the emphasis there was on breeding birds.

jim

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Tom

Here is the original message from Fletcher. Based on the date and his comments, apparently the Worth County birds were not found until 1 June.

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Dr. Dinsmore,

I've seen a variety of interesting things here in northern Iowa. I saw at least three sharp-tailed sparrows migrating through Hancock county. I also saw two male henslow's sparrows in the Eagle Lake complex, but I think these were just migrating through the area. However, at Fen Valley in Clay county (a prairie/restored area I am surveying) I saw at least 5 male henslow's sparrows singing, and one with nesting material. Also, today in Worth County at Elk Creek Marsh, I heard many (> 5) henslow's sparrows singing in a switch grass field. Are these records worth publishing in IBL? I am planning to try to find more evidence of nesting by henslow's sparrows in these areas. Rolf said that you were stepping down from IBL, so is there someone else I should contact? I hope all is well in Ames.

Rob Fletcher

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