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Rob Fletcher

Dr. Dinsmore,

I saw one Sharp-tailed Sparrow at the Warren Fox WMA (Hancock County) on 21 May at 10:00 , and one at Eagle Flats WMA (Hancock County) on 22 May at 6:20 am. Both of these birds sang briefly. There were more at Eagle Flats that day (at least two other males), but I only got a good look at one. The area of Warren Fox WMA where I saw the sparrow is primarily a brome field, while Eagle Flats is a brome/alfalfa mixture. Not typical habitat for them, but I think it was just a quick migratory push through the areas. I was in Eagle Flats the next day and did not hear or see any.

Rob Fletcher

At 07:41 AM 6/2/99 -0500, you wrote:

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>Rob  
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>Those are interesting observations, esp the Henslow's Sparrows  
>records. I think that they could be put into an interesting note on  
>nesting by Henslows in northern Iowa or something to that effect. I will  
>be editor through the end of this year and would be glad to receive such  
>a note. Let me know if I can be of help.  
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>The sharptailed reports are less exciting but still worth putting in  
>field notes. Can you give me a date and place and I can get them passed  
>on to the right person for that.  
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>Hope work has been going well. Last week should have been great for bird  
>surveys so assume you got out a lot. I didnt see my first dickcissel  
>until about 22 May and really didnt see any numbers until last weekend  
>(29th/30th).They were really late this year.  
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>Dr. D  
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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