

Species: Lark Bunting (female) How many : one

Location: Greene County, 1 mile south of Scranton on Highway 25 , then 3/4 mile east.

Type of habitat: Pasture with cows on South side, Row crops on North side

Date: 6/6/99

Time: 10:00 A.M.

My name and address: Rob Thelen, 1744 Salinger, Carroll, Iowa, 51401
rthelen@pionet

Others with me: Marty Thelen, Breda Iowa

Description: The size of the bird was about the size of a Dickcissel. It was a light brown in color with definite dark brown stripes on its breast. Its back also appeared to be striped. This bird had white wing patches (not wing bars) that were very noticeable in the middle of its wings.

Similar species and how eliminated: I don't know of any other bird of this size that has white wing patches. I couldn't find any other info in any of my bird guides.

Did anyone disagree or have reservations about I.D.: No

Viewing conditions: Partly cloudy The bird was seen by flying right next to the car at approximately 10 feet. I only saw the bird for about 5 or 6 seconds. We could not relocate the bird by the time we turned around.

Previous experience With species: In June of 1998 I spent a week in Wyoming where I saw a lot of Lark Buntings

References and persons consulted before writing description:
Peterson, Stokes, National Audubon Society and Golden field guides for birds. I contacted Tom Kent who told me to fill out a documentation form and send it to the summer editor of IOU field reports.

How long before notes were made : 10 min.

How long before this form was completed: 4 Days