

Iowa Ornithologists' Union



STATE BIRD OF IOWA: THE GOLDFINCH

IOWA BIRD LINE

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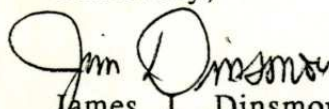
Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Thank you very much for your letter and photographs of the Golden-crowned Sparrows. As I indicated when I talked to you, this is a very unusual sighting for Iowa and I was very pleased that you took the time to take photographs and to write me. I have sent the photographs to Tom Kent of Iowa City who is in charge of maintaining such records for the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. We have established a permanent photograph file for such records and will add your photographs to that file. Thus they will be available for future workers as a permanent record of your sighting.

I have enclosed a documentation form that I would appreciate you filling out. It can be returned either to Tom Kent (address at bottom of form) or to me. I realize that two months have passed since you saw the birds but any details you can add would be useful. In particular any additional details about their appearance or behavior along with the number of Golden-crowned Sparrows you saw would be appreciated.

Thank you again for reporting this very unusual sighting for Iowa.

Sincerely,


James J. Dinsmore
Editor, Iowa Bird Life

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Jewell, Ia.

Dear Mr. Dinsmore,

I am sending a photo of a golden crowned sparrow seen at our feeder the first week of May (95). I believe he came with a flock of white throated sparrows. There were at least 2 others - possibly some juveniles and/or females also. We live on a farm directly east of Little Wall Lake and would be interested to hear if anyone else in the area had seen these birds. If you have comments or want further information my phone # is 827 5377.

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