

AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Field Sparrow 2. Number 2
 3. Location McLannanah Park, E. of Bettendorf, Scott Co, IA
 4. Date: 12/21/80 5. Time Bird Seen: 11³⁰ AM to 11⁴⁰

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

Two slender sparrows about size of tree sparrows with distinct narrow white eye ring, plain breast, wing bars, light reddish top to head with grayish crown stripe, grayish face. Reddish cap not sharply demarcated as with tree sparrows. Bill pink.

7. Description of voice, if heard: NA

8. Description of behavior: In brushy area along wood creek. Flew up into open small trees. Seen several times over 15 min - 2 at once.

9. Habitat - general: as above

specific: small creek flowing into Mississippi between low bluffs.

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
Tree sparrow.

11. Distance (how measured)?

35-50 ft (est)

12. Optical equipment:

8x40 Leica Thovord

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

light overcast

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

common summer

15. Other observers:

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16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description?
none

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?

About 10 minutes for field notes. Copied 6 hours later

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