

Lark Bunting
29 Jul 1980
south of Thurman, Fremont Co., IA
*B. Walters
IBL 50:78, 52:41

Record Number: 80-17
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Betty Walters

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 50:78
Records Committee: IBL 52:41

VOTE: 6-Yes, 1-No

Yes, Diagnostic marks seen. Reported early at same site by
Stones.

Yes, Despite lack of detail in report, essential points are
there. (However does not convincingly rule out bobolink).

Yes, Easy bird to I.D.

Yes, Field marks good. Stones reported Lark Buntings to me
also seen near Thurman this spring. Reliable observer.

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Walters 8/14/80
accepted 9/20/80
6/1

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Barbara Cunningham

Mary Beth Vaughn

SEASON: Summer

YEAR: 1980

WEATHER/HABITAT: describe any unusual features at bottom of page

SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
4 Lark Bunting	4	07-29-80	<p>Fremont Antis County - (Near) South of Thrumman, Iowa</p> <p>We parked the car along the roadside of a closed road. Along side a dried, hill side, pasture, Four birds flew-up and we used our binoc's to view (7X50) them. Two of the birds were completely black with white wing patches The other two brownish, with streaks and also white wing patches. At first I thought maybe imm. R.H. Wood- peckers - Then I reasoned No - They have black bellies - and are solid black with the wing patches and the fact that the other two were Sparrow like in coloring - Made me take another look. The other observers, have seen lark buntings far go to Colo. each summer. - The day was hot - and dry. - They did not set down on the road or fence area. but</p>

Kept flying in the distance. I have
seen lark buntings before and the size 86-17
of the birds seemed correct. However our
view was with them in flight. They
seemed to come up from the pasture
to our right and fly across the road
about 25 ft from us.