

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

1. Species Sharp Tailed Sparrow 2. Number: one
 3. Location Upper Sedges at Lost Lake
 4. Date: 5/23/81 5. Time Bird seen: _____ to _____
 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): This bird was about 5" long, a small thick bill, with a pointed tail. It had a orange triangle around the base and a black cap. Its back was redish with white lines on the nape.
 7. Description of voice, if heard: none
 8. Description of behavior: sat on top of a reed moving around with little noise
 9. Habitat - general:
specific:
 10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:
 11. Distance (how measured)? 20 feet 12. Optical equipment: binoculars
 13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
The bird was down in the grass sitting on top of a reed
 14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
 15. Other observers: George Brown
 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:
 19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 10 days
- Gordon Brown Address: 922 Yuma AVE.
Signature
- Date: June 3, 1981 City, State: Ames, Iowa