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Sprague's Pipit
6 Jun 1968
? Hamburg, Fremont Co., IA
Mrs. Edwin Getscher
Brown 1968

Record Number: 81-DB Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 38:89

VOTE (1981): 1-III, 2-IV, 2-V, 2-VI

VI, Very unlikely date, no detail, only one observer.

V, no data.

VI, The date and 'arms length' statement casts considerable doubt on this record. I also question some of Mrs. Getscher's records. She is a very nice lady and I enjoy birding with her, but she is a little quick at times.

Brown, W. H. 1968. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 38:88-90 189

"On 6 June a Sprague's Pipit was well seen "at arm's lenght" (EG)" EG = Mrs. Edwin Getscher

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13 September 1993

To: IOU Records Committee

From: Tom Kent

Re: Request for reconsideration of record

Record: 81-DC Sprague's Pipit

Reason for request: Should this species be on the state list?

Comment: There is one accepted record for Sprague's Pipit, a sight record with brief description. Included here are four records that got a majority vote in 1981 and the one that was accepted. I question whether there is adequate evidence to keep this species on the state list.