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Baird's Sparrow < 1907 Pottawattamie Co., IA I. S. Trostler 10 Apr to 10 May; Anderson 1907

REFERENCE

Anderson 1907 VOTE (1981): 4-IV, 3-V

IV, no way to confirm.

IV, occurrence corresponds with Jones dates (much rarer in fall).

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241. (545). Centronyx bairdi (Audubon). Baird Sparrow.

The Baird Sparrow is a common but locally distributed species of the western plains, sometimes occurring in Iowa during migration. W. W. Cooke states: "It was noted in migration at Grinnell, Iowa, April 25. At Grinnell it occurs in fall as well as spring" (Bird Migr. in Miss. Val., 1884-85, pp. 189-90). Carl Kelsey reported it as a "tolerably common transient visitant" and Lynds Jones as a "rare transient visitant" in Poweshiek county. Dr. I. S. Trostler gives the Baird Sparrow as a "common migrant in Pottawattamie county April 10 to May 10, never recorded in fall."

On June 14, 1899, I took a set of five slightly incubated eggs, with female parent, in Nelson county, North Dakota. The nest was placed in thick grass on high upland prairie.

Ammodramus bairdi (Audubon). Baird's Sparrow

Anderson (1907) included this species on the basis of observations in Poweshiek County by Kelsey and Jones, and in Pottawattamie County by Trostler. Recently it has been reported as observed in Polk County and in the Sioux City region. There are no specimens.

Anderson 1907 p 316

DuMont 1933