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Chestnut-collared Longspur
12 Apr 1995
n. of Larchwood, Lyon Co., IA
*Kent
IBL 65:76, 66:97; Kent 1996

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Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

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REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 65:76
Records Committee: IBL 66:97
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Lyon counties. IBL 66:61-63.
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DOCUMENTATION OF EXTRAORDINARY BIRD SIGHTING

Species: Chestnut-collared Longspur; **Number:** 1

Location: 2 miles north of Larchwood, Lyon Co., Iowa

Date: 12 April 1995; **Time:** 1:11 to 1:15 p.m.

Name and address: Thomas H. Kent, 211 Richards St., Iowa City, IA 52246.

Others before/with/after: none

Habitat and circumstances: farmland, fields snow-covered, blacktop road clear.

Description of bird: I noticed a longspur with a black belly in with many Lapland Longspurs that were feeding on the edge of the road in short grass. I turned the car so that I could get a window-mounted scope on the bird. The throat was light yellow. The nape was chestnut. It also had a white superciliary line, dark cap, black line behind the eye, and touch of white on the nape. The belly was black, but the flanks and under tail area were white. I did not see the tail in flight. Another vehicle flushed the birds. Many laplands returned, but I did not relocate the chestnut-collared.

Voice: not heard.

Similar species: The black belly and yellow throat, among other things, made this bird easy to separate from the Lapland Longspurs that were present in great numbers.

Any one have reservations?: no.

Light: cloudy; **Distance:** 30 yards (estimate); **Optics:** 10x binocular, 20x scope.

Previous experience: have seen in Colorado, North Dakota and 3 hours earlier in Iowa.

References before/after viewing: I had looked at the NG Guide in the a.m.

Time of notes: 6 hours (written out); **Final typing:** 5 days.