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Baird's Sparrow 15 Sep 1963 Akron, Plymouth Co., IA Eldon Bryant IBL 33:90, Brown 1971 Record Number: 81-GZ Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Field Reports: IBL 33:90.

Brown 1971

VOTE (1981): 2-IV, 5-V

IV, Seen by Eldon Bryant while mowing hay - but no plumage details given.

V, no details - spring ID is difficult - how about fall ID? no song? duller plumage?

Baird's Sparrow

Brown, W. H. 1963. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life. 33:86-91

ember, (PP). Towhees: up in numbers, (PP). Savannah Sparrows: lots of young migrating, (EB). Baird's Sparrow: this rare species was identified by Eldon Bryant while mowing alfalfa. It was thought several other birds seen at the same time might have been Baird's. Le Conte's: on 13 and 15 October and three on 20th, (EB); one on 6 October by Margaret Nagel, (RH); a small flock at Des Moines Reservoir 19 October. Henslow's: several found at Des Moines Reservoir by Albert Berkowitz, 19 October. Slate-colored Junco: un-

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Baird's Sparrow Ammodramus bairdii (Audubon)

Brown 1971 p 460 Anderson (1907) noted it as sometimes occurring during migration, but DuMont (1933), while mentioning several sight records, placed it in the hypothetical class due to the lack of specimens. Grant (1963) called it "A rare migrant."

The only recent record is an observation on 15 September, 1963 at Akron (EJB).

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