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McCown's Longspur

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Record Number: 81-HC

Classification: NA

Pottawattamie Co., IA

Trostler (? George E. Stempel)

? 1886; Anderson 1907, DuMont 1935

REFERENCES

Anderson 1907

DuMont, P.A. 1935. Additional Iowa species of birds substantiated by specimens. Wilson Bull. 47:205-208. Brown 1971

VOTE (1981): 2-III, 3-IV, 2-V

Would go I if specimen still available and labeled

I & III, specimen seen by DuMont.

IV, Apparently an extirpated former resident of state (Youngworth). Specimens said to belong to Stempel collection -- where is this collection. Brown (1971) says there are no Iowa specimens.

#3 I - Stempel specimens - in 1886 was probably a common migrant.

IV, As it was a common SR in SW Minnesota until 1900 (Roberts) it was probably a common migrant in w Iowa at that time. Trostler shot specimens he ID in the hand.

Anderson 1907 p 314 238. (538). Rynchophanes mccowni (Lawr.). McCown Longspur.

"The McCown Longspur is a bird of the region of the upper Missouri and its tributaries, north to the Saskatchewan.

East probably to Iowa and Missouri" (Coues); "of casual occurrence in Illinois" (Chapman, Hd. Bk. Bds. E. N. A., p. 290).

"An uncommon migrant Omaha," etc.(Rev. Bds. Neb., p. 85). Dr. I. S. Trostler reports it as a "common migrant in Pottawattamie county. I have identified specimens which I shot to be McCown's."

DuMont 193**3** p 153 Rhynchophanes mccowni (Lawrence). McCown's Longspur Formerly a migrant. Anderson (1907) stated that I. S. Trostler reported is as a common migrant in Pottawattamie County. Trostler said that he had identified specimens, which he had collected, to be McCown's Longspur. Lynds Jones recorded (Wilson Bull., IV, p. 27) that a flock of twenty was seen at Grinnell, Poweshiek County, March 3, 1887. Roberts (1932) recorded that it was once a common summer resident along the southwestern border of Minnesota. It disappeared from there entirely about 1900. There are no Iowa specimens.

Brown 1971 p 46() McCown's Longspur Rhynchophanes mccownii (Lawrence)

Anderson (1907) said it was called a common migrant in Pottawattamie Co. by one reporter, and DuMont (1933) noted it to be formerly a migrant. There are no recent records. There is no Iowa specimen extant.