

McCown's Longspur
3 Mar 1887
Grinnell, Poweshiek Co., IA
Lynds Jones
Jones 1892

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IV, would change to III if all agree.
IV, old reports -- no data.
Again, no details, possibly IV -- apparently reliable observer, based on Baird's Sparrow descriptions.

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539. *Rhynchophanes mccownii*. McCown's Longspur.

Like the last this is a bird of the plains. Mr. Donald finds it abundantly at Decatur, Texas. It was one of the species which wandered east during the spring of 1887, reaching Grinnell, Iowa, March 3. The flock of about 20 departed the sth.] 2

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MCCOWN'S LONGSPUR

McCown's Longspur is the westernmost in its breeding range, of the plains-breeding Longspurs, finding its center of abundance just east of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and breeding thence from southern Wyoming east to western Minnesota and north to central Alberta and southern Saskatchewan; winters from Colorado south to Texas and northern Mexico.

SPRING MIGRATION

PLACE	Number of years' record	Average date of spring arrival	Earliest date of spring arrival
Grinnell, Iowa			March 3, 1887
Cheyenne, Wyo.	2	April 7	March 12, 1889
Valentine, Nebr.			March 28, 1894
Badger, Nebr.	2	April 18	April 18, 1901
Southeastern South Dakota	3	April 21	April 6, 1888
Larimore, N. D.	3	April 24	April 4, 1894
Terry, Mont.	0	April 26	April 22, 1894
Big Sandy, Mont.	4	May 2	April 28, 1904
Flagstaff, Alber	2	May 3	April 28, 1908

PLACE	Number of years' record	Average date of the last one seen	Latest date of the last one seen
Fort Union, N. M.			March 22, 1892
Allaire's Ranch, Ariz.			April 6, 1895
Gainesville, Tex. (near)	3	April 3	April 9, 1885
Springfield, Colo.			April 26, 1905
Callaway, Nebr.	2	May 4	May 7, 1902

FALL MIGRATION

PLACE	Number of years' record	Average date of fall arrival	Earliest date of fall arrival
White Mountains, N. M.			September 12, 1902
Fort Lyon, Colo.			September 20, 1886
Gainesville, Tex.	2	November 1	October 27, 1885
Bonham, Tex.	2	November 10	November 9, 1889

PLACE	Number of years' record	Average date of the last one seen	Latest date of the last one seen
Big Sandy, Mont.			September 5, 1905
Terry, Mont.	2	September 23	September 23, 1906
Cheyenne, Wyo.			October 20, 1888

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Rhynchophanes mccowni (Lawrence). McCown's Longspur
Formerly a migrant. Anderson (1907) stated that I. S. Trostler re-
ported 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 com-
mon summer resident along the southwestern border of Minnesota.
It disappeared from there entirely about 1900. There are no Iowa
specimens.

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