

Baird's Sparrow  
25 Apr 1885  
Grinnell, Powesheik Co., IA  
Lynds Jones  
Jones 1886

Record Number: 81-GS  
Classification: NA

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VOTE (1981): 1-III, 4-IV, 2-V

IV, Although Jones very competent, no way of knowing if he was mistaken.

IV, No details - April 25 - not even clear who reported.

IV, No details, but convincing - direct comparison with Savannah. Interesting that song not heard - is it silent here? (As is Savannah for the most part). I am tempted to call these records III. [These comments applied to records 3 and 4 also.]

545. *Ammodramus bairdii* (Aud.). [191.] *Baird's Bunting*.

Baird's Bunting breeds in western Manitoba, Dakota, and western Minnesota. By what route it goes south is a question. Doctor Coues, writing ten years ago, said that it was extremely abundant in Dakota almost to the Red River of the North, and that all left in September. Where did they go? The species is not known to occur in Kansas; and if there is a Nebraska record I have failed to find it. Nevertheless, we are bound to believe that it does occur in both these States. Mr. G. H. Ragsdale shot one at Gainesville, Tex., April 24, 1884, and if it occurs in central Texas and Dakota it must perforce occur in the intervening country. At Caddo, Ind. Ter., it was not found, though I shot upwards of fifty Savanna Sparrows in the vain hope that some one of them would resolve itself into the wished-for Baird's. On March 31, among a lot of Savannas, I heard one singing with the trill at the end which

Doctor Coues says is the note of this species, but I was not able to find the bird. Its range is from New Mexico to British America, and it breeds abundantly in Dakota, along the Red River in Minnesota, and in Manitoba (particularly on the Alkaline flats along the Assiniboine River.—Seton).

In the spring of 1885 Baird's Bunting was not recorded from Kansas and Nebraska; but Mr. Lloyd found it to be a common winter resident at Fort Davis, Tex. It was noted in migration at Grinnell, Iowa, April 25; Menoken, Dak., May 12, and White Earth, Minn., May 16—at which latter place one was caught alive and kept in confinement for several days. At Grinnell, Iowa, it occurs in fall as well as spring.

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Baird's Sparrow in Iowa.

(*Ammodramus bairdii*.)

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I first found this very interesting little bird on April 25, 1885, when I shot one and saw four or five more. It was very shy and kept so close to the ground that a momentary glimpse was all that I could get of it. This was doubtlessly the latest date of its visit with us, as but few if any were seen later. It entirely escaped my notice in the fall, but on March 21, 1886, three or four were seen

in company with the Savanna Sparrow. I noticed that it often perched rather higher than I had ever seen the Savanna Sparrow, but I never heard its song, although I watched and waited many long hours for that purpose. Its diet seems to be the same as that of the Savanna, as is its manner of feeding. Although the year appeared so early, it was not seen again until March 29th, and no perceptible increase in numbers until April 8th, when as many as fifty were found in a mile drive. After April 10th I was seen until the 21st, when none could be found, and not one since, so I consider April 20th the date of "last individual seen." Whether or not it returns south of this route will be determined this fall.

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For this interesting bunting there are but two records. Mr. Donald considers it a common migrant in Texas, and I have found it at Grinnell, Iowa. It is another of our birds which inhabit the plains. ] 2-4

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

Anderson 1907 p 316

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." ] 2-4

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

DuMont 1938 pp 157-158

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. ] 2-4 5 6-7 8

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545-(233). *Ammodramus bairdii*. (Aud.)

BAIRD'S BUNTING.

Not reported by any of the members of the I. O. A.; but Mr. Kelsey reports it as a tolerably common transient visitor in Poweshiek County. ]