

Baird's Sparrow
4 Oct 1886
Grinnell, Powesheik Co., IA
Lynds Jones
to 15 Oct; Jones 1887

Record Number: 81-GU
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Jones, L. 1887. Baird's Sparrow in fall. Ornithologist and
Oologist 12:106.

Kelsey 1891

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Anderson 1907

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

IV, habitat checks.

IV, No details of plumage - behavior is described and is
compatible with bairdii.

Jones, L. 1889. A list of birds found in eastern Jasper and western Poweshiek Counties Iowa. The Curlew 1:50-53, 57-60

103. *Ammodramus bairdii*, Baird's Bunting. Tolerably common t. v.] 2-4

Kelsey, C. 1891. Birds of Poweshiek County Iowa. Ornithologist and Oologist 16:131-134

545. *Ammodramus bairdii*, Baird's Bunting, " No T. V.] ? 2-4

Jones, L. 1892. Report of the committee on migration and distribution. The Wilson Quarterly 4:29

545. *Ammodramus bairdii*. Baird's Bunting.

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. 5

Ammodramus bairdi (Audubon). Baird's Sparrow

DuMont 1933 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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Baird's Sparrow in Fall.

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Although Baird's Sparrow (*Centronyx bairdi*) had been found in spring, when it appeared quite common, I had not been fortunate in my search for it in fall until October 11th, 1886, when I found it fully as common as in spring. Its stay, however, was short. A cold, wet time about the 15th drove it, with most of the other sparrows, south.]

It seems to be a very shy bird, keeping well to the ground and scooting along through the grass at one's very feet; never rising far above the grass or weeds. It is in sight but a moment and drops again to the covert of grass. *C. bairdi* is commonest along fences where grass and weeds have been allowed to grow, and in neglected fields where a rank growth of weeds affords both food and covert. I have never seen it in bushy places. 4