

Records Committee, Iowa Ornithologists' Union

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Smith's Longspur  
10 Apr 1982  
north of Bettendorf, Scott Co., IA  
\*P. Petersen  
IBL 52:63; 53:36

Record Number: 82-18  
Classification: A-D

DOCUMENTATION

Peter C. Petersen

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 52:63

Records Committee: IBL 53:36

VOTE: 1-III, 3-?, 2-no vote, 1-abstain

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Vote next fall or when doc. is available. I could not read the  
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REVOTE (at meeting, 20 November 1982): 6-III, 1-abstain

What species? Smith's Longspar How many? 3Location? 1 mi. N.E. of I 80 + Middle Rd. near Bettendorf IA.Type of habitat? Road edge - cornfield - partly snow covered.When? date(s): April 10, 1982 time: 8:30 to 8:40 AMWho? your name and address: Peter C. Petersen 235 McClellan Blvd. Davisothers with you: Lewis, Brian + Forey, Blevins, Don + Jean Moellen Terry

others before or after you: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, eye, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Sparrow size, slimmer. Bird buffy below, streaked along sides, back brown + streaked, streaked head (sides especially), partial eye ring, unstreaked tail dark brown except 2 outer feathers white, -entirely. Wing of one bird with distinct white bar edged with black, rest of wing brown. Legs brownish, Not heard. Were on road edge, flew into corn field with Horned Larks. Saw twice in field with scope + binocs, then again along road with scope. Flew away by themselves after about 10 min. obs. Everyone saw in scope. Birds were totally in winter plumage.

Similar species and how eliminated: Lapland Longspar - tail pattern wrong, belly buffy  
 Vesper Sparrow - buffy belly, fainter streaking, incomplete eye ring  
 + lack of rusty shoulder.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: 30-75', 10X to 15X binocs, 25X scope, thin o.c. - bright - sun to sidePrevious experience with species and similar ones: Have seen three times in Ill. in SpringReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Petersen + Robbins guides used to point out points of I.D. to others, Guides had been checked at 8:10 AM when + vrp begun.How long before field notes made? 20 min. this form completed? 30 min.

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