

DOCUMENTATION FORM

SPECIES: Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*)

HOW MANY: One

LOCATION: 1601 Pleasant Street, West Des Moines, IA

HABITAT: Suburban yard, with wooded area behind home consisting of large trees and brushpiles

DATE: 4/15/89, also a pair in yard 4/22 & 4/23/89

TIME: Approx. 8:15 A.M.

OBSERVER'S NAME & ADDRESS: Reid Allen, 1601 Pleasant Street
West Des Moines, IA 50265

OTHERS WHO SAW BIRD: Pam Allen, Eugene and Eloise Armstrong

DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: Sparrow-sized bird. Brownish, streaked body with finely detailed streaking on beige/buff collar or neckband. Grey coloring in cheek area. White belly. Striped head with light eyeline.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW ELIMINATED: Song sparrow has center dot and no buffy upper breast streaking. Savannah has white dotted breast. Vesper sparrow has white out tail. Mostly distinguished because of its song which was sung two or three times and Reid played a tape and it came right up to us as we were sitting and waiting for the Armstrongs to come to our house.

VIEWING CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT: Partly sunny morning. Viewed with Bushnell Custom 8x36 binoculars.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH SPECIES: Not a great deal of experience with the Lincoln's Sparrow but have seen them before.

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Central North America. Cornell Laboratory of
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HOW LONG BEFORE
FIELD NOTES MADE:

As we were viewing bird.

HOW LONG BEFORE THIS
FORM COMPLETED:

Completed on June 5, 1989.

ADDITIONAL NOTES &
COMMENTS:

Steve, a pair was observed in our yard also
on April 22 and 23, 1989.