

What species? HENSLOW'S SPARROW How many? 1 5 May 82
✓ SNYDERLocation? HICKORY HILL PARK, IOWA CITY.Type of habitat? GRASSY AREA WITH DRY RAGWEED & BUSHES & 8-10' SAPLINGS 50' FROM CREEKWhen? date(s): SUNDAY, APR. 25 time: 5:25 to 5:45Who? your name and address: MARIL A. SNYDER, ~~618 GRANT~~ 1731 E ST. I.C. 52240others with you: MIKE BROZ, 1731 E. ST. I.C.others before or after you: NOT KNOWN

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.

SIZE: SLIGHTLY SMALL THAN HOUSE SPARROW.

SHAPE: SLIMMER THAN HOUSE SPARROW

BILL: FINCH-LIKE, YELLOWISH

EYE: BLACK

HEAD: OLIVE-YELLOW INCLUDING THE NAPE. CROWN HAS 2 DARK BROWN TO BLACK STRIPES. 2 PATCHES - TRIANGULAR PATCH (DARK BROWN-TO BLACK) AT THE EAR AND PATCH OF SAME COLOR BEHIND THE EYE AT THE EYELINE.

BACK - MUCH LIKE A HOUSE SPARROW'S BACK

WING - WINGS TIPS RUST - REST OF WING MED. BROWN.

TAIL - THIN RUSTY COLORED, NOT FORKED

THROAT - CLEAR CREAM COLORED

BREAST - LIGHTED COLORED WITH FINE BLACK STREAKS

BELLY - CLEAR LIGHT COLORED (CREME)

UNDER TAIL - UNCERTAIN

LEGS - FRESH COLORED

Similar species and how eliminated: BAIRDS SPARROW. HENSLOW'S HAS OLIVE-YELLOW HEAD WHICH BAIRDS DOESN'T. ALSO HENSLOW'S HAS RUSTY WINGS TIPS AND RUSTY UN FORKED TAIL OF WHICH BAIRDS DOES NOT. HENSLOW'S OLIVE YELLOW CONTINUES ON THE NAPE, WHERE AS BAIRDS HAS FINE BLACK STREAKS ON NAPE.Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:

PARTLY CLOUDY, BUT SUN MOST THE TIME. DISTANCE - 12'-20' MEASURED BY THE FACT AT TIMES WE WERE TOO CLOSE TO FOCUS BINOCULARS - 7X35 & 7X50

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

NONE, BUT WITH GRASS SPARROWS, HAVE SEEN SAVANNAH 1/2 DOZ.

References and persons consulted before writing description:

PETERSON FIELD GUIDE, AUDUBON'S FIELD GUIDE, RICK HOLLIS, MACBRIDE BIRD TIMES HALLHow long before field notes made? 48 HOURS this form completed? 48 HOURS

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BEHAVIOR (OVER)

BEHAVIOUR - VOICE NOT HEARD.

LIKED TO RUN ON THE GROUND TO AND FROM
DEEP GRASS. OCCASIONALLY WOULD PERCH ~~ON~~ LOW -
(12"-18") OFF GROUND IN BUSHES OR ON DRIED RAG WEED
STEMS. WOULD NOT FLUSH UNTIL WE WERE AROUND
3' OF IT. AND THEN IT WOULD FLY NO HIGHER
THAN KNEE LEVEL AND THEN ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE -
5-10 YARDS. VERY HARD TO SEE IN THE GRASS
UNTIL IT FLUSHED AND THEN PERCHED. WHEN
PERCHED IT WAS ANIMATED. THE TAIL WOULD TWITCH
DOWN AND SIDE TO SIDE AT TIMES.