

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

Rathburn

What species? Chick Sparrow How many? 1Location? Appanoose county - south of MysticType of habitat? Shrub - Fence row BrushWhen? date(s): 12-22-81 time: 9:15 AM to 9:20 AMWho? your name and address: William G. Cummingsothers with you: Noneothers before or after you: none

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.

Larger than ordinary sparrow - with rust crown & side
 Cheek rust - definite dark spot - middle of breast with
 white fringe around tail - about 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 6" Long
 Dull face

Similar species and how eliminated: tree & Song sparrow also English sparrow
because of size & markingsDid any one disagree or have reservations about identification? None

If yes, explain:

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

Bright cloudy - was 20-25' from bird had 7x35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

Have had bird experience for 20 or more years

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Bill Heusinkhoff - Charlotte Scott
 How long before field notes made? at time this form completed? same day

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Check out - details dark - middle of breast white
white throat - about 2 1/2 to 3 in
Oull face

Did you or anyone you know have reservations about identification? None

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Brightly - was 20-25 ft from bird but 2-3 bands

Previous experience with species and similar ones:
Previous and persons consulted before writing description:
How long before field notes made? this form completed? 2/25/92

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