

July 30, 1986

Dear Jim,

I just thought I'd update you on the Clay-colored sparrows on our county area. Enclosed is an aerial photo of the area and the locations of sparrows either heard of or observed. The only male that I observed with a female is the one near the trail and creek bed (also the one I've seen on every visit to the area). I regret that I haven't had time to get up to the area as much as I'd like. However, by the numbers and one pair of Clay-colored sparrows, I do believe there is a good chance they are nesting. One other thing of note is that I saw a raptor at the area on 7-1-86. Of course I didn't have my binoculars with me at the time. It was sitting on a rock when I noticed it; I believe it was feeding on something. It flew away at great speed, down through the timbered draw. By its size, flight speed, and pointed wings, I would say it was either a Cooper's Hawk, Prairie Falcon, or Peregrine Falcon. Unfortunately, I didn't get a real good look at it and I haven't seen it there since then. One other thing, I haven't seen any Black-billed Magpies at the area. Well, its about time to go close the park down for the night. Take care and keep in touch.

Sincerely,

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Hidden Bridge  
Wildlife Area

154 Ac.

• Location of singing  
clay colored sparrow  
males 6-19-86

3A • Location of singing  
males 6-25-86  
27.6

X Location of singing  
male 7-2-86  
with female  
23.2

• Location of singing  
male 7-29-86

16.9

2A  
8.0

2B  
3.7

2C  
4.5