

Lucas

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

SPECIES: Savannah Sparrow , one sighted

LOCATED: Two to three miles north of Lucas, Iowa, on roadside

DATE: December 19, 1981, 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

BY: Bill and Mary Ann Gilbert, R.R. 2, Indianola, Iowa

DESCRIPTION: Small sparrow-like bird with yellow eyebrow over eye;
a yellow stripe running from beak to back of head.
Striped breast with no tie tac.
Tail was forked--no white edges on tail.
Distinctive yellow stripe running to back of head
eliminated other species.

NO DISAGREEMENT

Light: Clear, bright, not looking into sun, estimated 30 yds., used
binoculars

Years of birding experience for both Mary Ann and Bill; both biology
professors

REFERENCES: Peterson's (new) Field Guide and Birds of North America
Field notes made on December 19, 1981; form filled out January 7, 1982