

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Lincoln's Sparrow How many? 1

Location? Brenton Slough

Type of Habitat? marsh edge

When? date(s): 12/21/97 time: 8 am. to

Who? your name and address: Jim Sinclair, 810 N. B St., Indianola

Others with you: Rick Trisett - did not see bird

Others before or after you: _____

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

- small sparrow, seen in brushy marsh edge
- white breast and throat with fine brown streaking which extended down the flanks
- buff wash across top of breast and down along flanks
- dark brown mantle and head
- tail dark and medium in length

Similar species; how eliminated:

smaller, more compact bird than Song Sparrow.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

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

seen at approximately 40 ft. - conditions were good with 10x42 glasses

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

plenty

References and persons consulted before writing description:

none

How long before field notes made? 4 hrs this form completed? 6 days

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).