

## AN EXTRAORDINARY STAFF RECORD

1. Species Henslow's Sparrow 2. Number 1
3. Location Ventura Marsh, Ventura Iowa
4. Date: 7 May 1982 5. Time Bird Seen: 8:00 to 8:05 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):  
 Sparrow sized 4-5", olive colored head showed definite contrast with birds body, did have dark markings on head, and faint streaking on the buffy breast. Bill of bird appeared stout and chunky, and very prominent.
7. Description of voice, if heard: Not heard.
8. Description of behavior: sitting in hedgerow that ran parallel to a fence line within 4 to 5 feet of ground.
9. Habitat - general: Open field edge bordering marsh and surrounding uplands  
 specific: (same as above)
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
11. Distance (how measured)? 20 feet, paceroff
12. Optical equipment: 7x35 binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):  
Sun in East bird to the southwest, No clouds
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:  
studied prepared skins while a Teaching Assistant in Ornithology at Northern Illinois University.
15. Other observers: NONE
16. Did the others agree with your identification? —
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: —
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:  
Consulted Robbins et al.
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 1 month
- Signature: Fred Heiny Address: Iowa Conservation Commission
- Date: 16 June 1982 City, State: Clear Lake, Iowa