

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Henslow's Sparrow How many? 2-3 singingLocation? Warren Co. (T76N, R24W, Sect. 2)Type of habitat? Brome pastureWhen? date(s): 26 May 1984 time: 1200 to 1215Who? your name and address: David Ewert, 1800 Watrous #19C, Des Moines, IA 50315others with you: Noneothers 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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Birds not seen but their distinctive "tsch-lip" song was heard from 2-3 locations simultaneously, indicating there were at least 2-3 birds.

Similar species and how eliminated: Song is distinctive.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No other observers

If yes, explain:

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

Not appropriate (heard only)

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Much experience w/ species in Michigan; familiar w/ song of LeConte's, Grasshopper and other breeding sparrows in Iowa.

References and persons consulted before writing description: None

How long before field notes made? 2 days this form completed? 28 May 1984

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