

Season: Summer Year: 1987

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SPECIES	NO.	DATE	LOCATION - COMMENT - OTHER OBSERVERS
Lark Sparrow	2 imm.	24 Jul	S. Van Buren County. I have seen this species throughout summer. Again, this evidence of breeding is a first for me in this area!
Henslow's Sparrow	6 ♂	12 Jun	S. Van Buren County. 6 singing males in large pasture (approx. 50 acres) where Mark and Beth Proescholdt had reported seeing this species earlier in the week. The following notes, comments, etc. are compilation of my observations during the summer.
	2 ♂ 1 ♂	13 Jun	(with Bob and John Cecil). A good look at singing male! In a manner quite different from that described in field guides, this (and other singing males) was not secretive, etc., but sat up high on tall grass or prominent weed. Not easily flushed. I was able to come within 8-10 feet of a singing male. The bird that we saw this day was a typical male for this area and this period: Small, sparrow-sized bird; flat head; large, out-sized, light-colored bill; central stripe on crown; light breast with small "streaking" which formed necklace on breast and continued down flanks; dark, olive-colored nape; chestnut ("purplish") streaks on dark back; plain wings which were evenly rust-colored; yellowish tinge to malar areas and at curve of folded wing; flight was "erratic," for the bird appeared to swish tail from side to side in short (display?) flight. We did observe this day a female with nesting material (?) in bill. (According to C. Harrison, this may have been too late for nidification, unless a possible double brooding was taking place.) The female was considerably more "pale" than male in face and breast color and markings; streaking was present but less defined; female also had yellow tinge on face and at curve of folded wing. At a later date, I noted a slight eye-ring on this species. On every bird that I saw this summer (and these were many) I perceived (continued, page 4)
			<i>The bird, not me!</i>