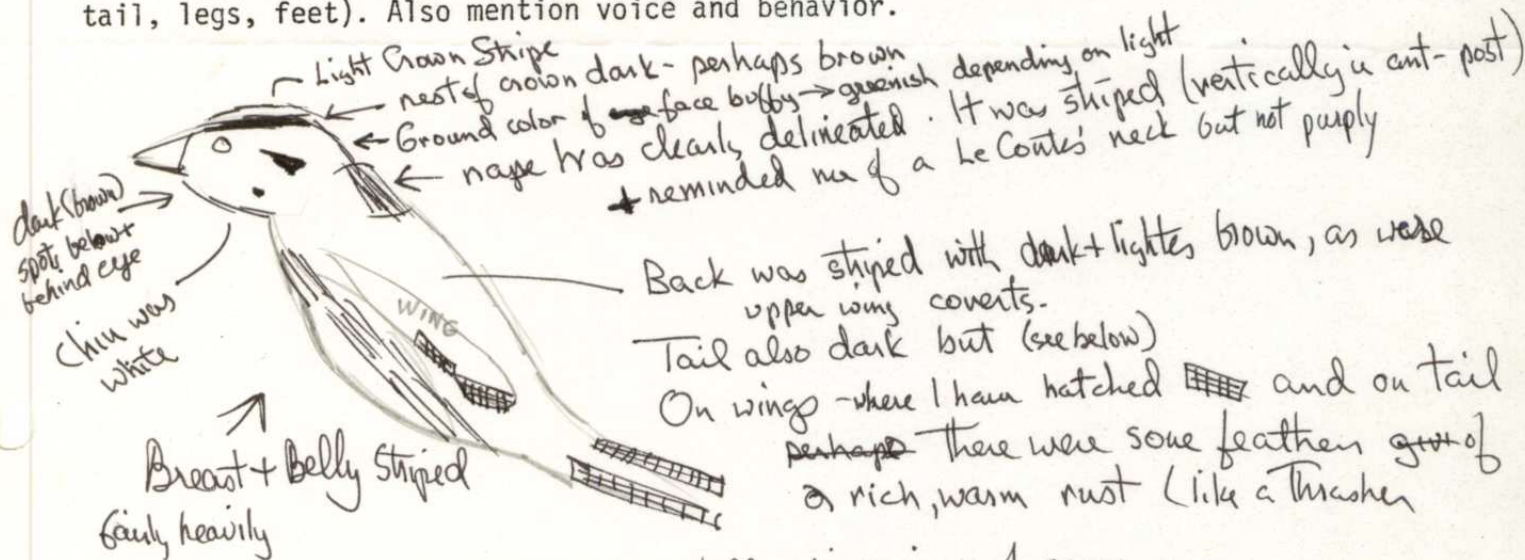


DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Henslow's Sparrow How many? 1 saw but 1 - others saidLocation? Lime Cr. Nature Center - in or near Mason City, IA there were 2 earlier in dayType of habitat? field being restored to prairie (although it had some 18" aspen or cottonwood treesWhen? date(s): 5/22/88 time: 12:15 PM to 2 PMWho? your name and address: Pick Hollis, 3351 Lower West Branch Rd, Iowa City, IA 52245others with you: half of IDV - B Wilson, C Thompson, B + J Cecil, E + E Armstrong, et al., F Moore, J Hanson

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Beh: hopped around + often sang from taller dried pieces of grassVoice: Although everyone around me + books described the song/call as tslick, it sounded to me like a jumble of several syllables. Somewhat like the end of a W Meadow-lark's song or a B Chickadee TSlick/Jumble call, both needing to be played at fast forward. Or a bitten off Song Sp

Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment:
Bright Overcast - Est. closest was ~~100~~ ~~100~~ 75-50' - distance varied.Spotting Scope
7x35 BinocsPrevious experience with species and similar ones:
Like Bird however I've seen Grasshopper + Le Conte's Sp

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Glanced at Std. Field GuidesHow long before field notes made? 5 hrs this form completed? 24 hrs

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