

What species? HENSLOW'S SPARROW How many? 1Location? SECTION 8 - DES MOINES TOWNSHIP - VAN BUREN COUNTYType of habitat? GRASSY FIELDWhen? date(s): 15 APRIL, 1990 time: 6:30 AM to 6:40 AMWho? your name and address: JIM FULLER, 6 LONGVIEW KNOLL, IOWA CITYothers with you: JIM SCHEIB

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.

THE BIRD SAT ON A DRIED WEED STALK ABOUT 2 FEET ABOVE THE GRASSY FIELD THE ENTIRE VIEWING TIME, AND SANG REGULARLY EVERY 5-10 SECONDS. MOST NOTABLE FEATURES OF THIS SPARROW WERE:

- (1) SHORT TAIL WHICH WAS DEEPLY NOTCHED.
- (2) FLAT HEAD WITH 2 DARK STRIPES
- (3) OLIVE COLOR ON SIDE OF HEAD AND NAPE.
- (4) STRIPED BROWNISH BACK.
- (5) WHITE THROAT
- (6) LIGHT BREAST WITH <sup>DARK</sup> STRIPING ON UPPER BREAST AND UNDER WINGS.
- (7) A REDDISH CAST TO WINGS - ALTHOUGH THIS WAS SEEN, IT WASN'T AS RED AS OTHER HENSLOW'S I'VE SEEN.
- (8) LIGHT BILL
- (9) SONG SOUNDED LIKE TA-SLICK (2 NOTES)

Similar species and how eliminated:

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW HAS CLEAR BUFFY BREAST & DIFFERENT SONG (THERE WERE NUMEROUS GRASSHOPPER SPARROWS THERE) SAVANNAH DOES NOT HAVE OLIVE HEAD & NAPE NOR PROMINENT HEAD STRIPES & SONG IS DIFFERENT BAIARD'S SPARROW HAS ORANGISH SIDE OF FACE & TOP OF HEAD, NO RED IN WING AND

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO DIFFERENT SONG.

If yes, explain:

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

LOOKING SOUTH WITH KOWA TSN-4 SCOPE AT 50 YARDS  
SUNNY DAY - EARLY MORNING WITH SUN LOW IN NORTHEAST

Previous experience with species and similar ones: SEEN AT THAT LOCATION BEFORE AND SEVERAL TIMES IN WISCONSIN

References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATE this form completed? 14 HOURS

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