

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? Smith's Longspur How many? 1Location? 3 Miles E, 1 mile N, 3/4 E of LarrabeeType of habitat? short grassWhen? date(s): 3-4-92 time: 3:35 to 3:38Who? your name and address: Marion Brewer RR 2 Box 25, Cherokee, Iowa 51012

others with you: _____

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.

Sparrow sized longspur (~~extra~~ long rear spur) brown streaked back, light eye ring, lightly streaked edge of light buff belly, white edged tail like vesper sparrow to the tip, small pea sized wing patch, not a bar, with a small dark patch in front of white. Jumped from short grass onto woven wire fence.

Similar species and how eliminated:

Lapland longspur, white wing patch & white edged tail, buffy belly

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? no

If yes, explain:

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

Light foggy day, using 8 X 42 binoculars at a estimated 30 feet.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: only lapland longspursReferences and persons consulted before writing description: Peterson, golden & audabon Dick Bierman & Ray Cummins.How long before field notes made? in field this form completed? 3-8-92

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