

(Oakville)
Western Mercer Co. CBC

Lincoln's Sparrow 12-27-96

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I heard a rich chip note from a small marshy area I was working. It sounded very similar to the call notes given by the swamp sparrows which were also present. The bird hopped into view and perched on some vegetation in plain view for perhaps 20 seconds. It was a dark sparrow with a lot of gray on the face and the supercilium. It was heavily streaked on the breast and flanks with much finer streaks than those of the Song Sparrows. The breast and flanks also had a rich buff color. The bird lacked a central breast "stick pin." Light conditions were poor, but the bird was only about 20 feet away. I observed the bird with Leica Ultra 10x 42 binoculars.