

DOCUMENTATION FORM
For Extraordinary Bird Sightings in Iowa

What species? Field Sparrow How many? 6

Location? Near Lehigh, Iowa

Type of Habitat? Pasture tufts of grass ^{tall} protruding through snow

When? date(s): 1-2-88 time: 11 AM to 12 PM

Who? your name and address: Mina Landes Fort Dodge, Iowa

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, undertail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

They were with a small flock of juncos & were the same small size as the juncos. There were no breast spots on the plain gray ^{just} buffy breasts. Pink bill & legs were noted.

Similar species; how eliminated:

Tree Sparrows have breast spot.
These did not.

Did any one disagree or have reservations about the identification? _____
If yes, explain:

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

Clear sunny 15' estimate 7X35 binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones:

References and persons consulted before writing description:

Golden Birds of North America Robbins, Brewster, Zinn, Singer

How long before field notes made? 1 hr. this form completed? 1 wk.

Send completed form to Field Reports or CBC editor (address on back cover of Iowa Bird Life).