

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species?House Finch

How Many?2 females

Location?State Forest Nursery, Ames

Habitat?large pine planting

Date?15 Sep 1986

Time?4:30-4:40 P.M.

Observers Name and address:Steve Dinsmore, Ames

Others who saw bird:none

Description of bird:Both birds were sparrow-sized birds with large bills and streaked underparts. The back, tail, and face were brown and unstreaked. Both birds lacked the face pattern typical of female Purple Finches. The underparts were lighter brown and streaked. This streaking also included the undertail coverts.

Similar species and how eliminated:The lack of a facial pattern eliminated a female Purple Finch.

Viewing conditions and equipment:Viewing conditions were good with the sun behind me. Estimated viewing distance was 30-40 feet. I used Nikon 8 x 23 binoculars.

Previous experience with species:I have seen many House Finches in Massachusetts and three in Iowa.

References consulted:NGS Field Guide to the Birds of North America

How long before field notes were made?none made

How long before this form was completed?3 days