

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD.

81-09

1. Species Sharp Tailed Sparrow 2. Number: one

Location Upper Sedges at Lost Lake

4. Date: 5/23/81 5. Time Bird seen: _____ to _____

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field): This bird was about 5" long, a small thick bill, with a pointed tail. It had a orange triangle around the base and a black cap. Its back was redish with white lines on the nape.

7. Description of voice, if heard: none

8. Description of behavior: sat on top of a reed moving around with little noise

9. Habitat - general:
specific:

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8, Explain:

11. Distance (how measured)? 20 feet

12. Optical equipment: binoculars

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):

The bird was down in the grass sitting on top of a weed

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:

15. Other observers: George Brown

16. Did the others agree with your identification? yes

17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: none

18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:

19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 10 days

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