

REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Sometimes I am on the fence as to whether to include a bird sighting in the report or not, usually because I don't have enough information or the sighting is so unusual that I would like to check on it. I have a choice of making a decision or seeking more information. This form is an attempt to do the latter.

I would appreciate it if you would return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope as soon as possible so that I can make alterations in the report before it is published. Thanks.

Record: Lincoln's Sparrow, Sayreville Res., 2 Sep 95

Significance: 2nd earliest

Information requested:

- confirm date Correct
- how well seen (viewing time, distance, view, other details) 10 yds, 1 minute or so
- description of bird (as much as you can honestly remember)
- voice (heard?, what was heard?)
- can other observers also provide details? No

This bird was an adult, ^{plumage} seen long enough to confirm the following: thin eye ring, fine streaking on upper breast, not like coarser streaking of Song. Buffy streak across upper breast was clear. Belly white, unstreaked. No central spot. Gray eyebrow streak was broad. To me, Lincoln's have a flighty, ~~fast~~ furtive behavior that is different from the slightly larger Song.