

Waterloo Christmas Count

DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? SWAMP SPARROW How many? 1

Location? SWEET MARSH

Type of habitat? SWAMP GRASS ALONG DIKE

When? date(s): Dec 18 time: 11:30 to 11:40 P.M.

Who? your name and address: TOM STONE, 1400 Wren Rd

others with you: 0 Waterloo 50701

others before or after you: 0

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, under tail, legs, feet). Also mention voice and behavior.

Bulky size. Red cap, white throat seen, gray breast was seen, no wing bars. Not vocal, kept low in the grass along dike and had short flights

Similar species and how eliminated:

Too bulky for chipping sparrow, Field & Tree sparrow have wing bars

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? No

If yes, explain:

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

lighting excellent, clear sky, distance, 30 ft, est. 7X50 binoc.

Previous experience with species and similar ones: Many sightings

References and persons consulted before writing description: Frank Moore, Bob Meier

How long before field notes made? 5 hours after this form completed? 24 hours

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