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DOCUMENTATION FORM for extraordinary bird sightings in Iowa

What species? LINCOLN'S SPARROW How many? 1

Location? 1 1/2 miles NORTH PRINCETON Iowa

Type of habitat? open marsh

When? date(s): 12/22/82 time: 11:30 to 11:35

Who? your name and address: Lewis D BLEVINS

others with you: Brian & Corey BLEVINS

others before or after you: NONE

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.

Bird was flushed from a wet area on edge of large marsh. Acted like one of the runners, that is like a swamp or song sparrow type. IT did not leave the area however and sat for us on some taller grasses. We observed right away it was not a song sparrow because of the lack of the dark streaking and no spot. IT also lacked the darkness of a swamp sparrow. However it did have fine streaking and buffy wash on upper breast. IT also had a more contrasting crown stripe. Therefore we identified the bird as a Lincoln's sparrow.

Similar species and how eliminated: Song sparrow because streaking was too light and no spot on breast, Swamp because of lack of darkness

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification? NO

if yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: give lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: overcast sky, 30 to 50 feet, 8-24 power Binoculars

Previous experience with species and similar ones: previously carried a banding permit, banded many over the years. So bird was in hands quite often
References and persons consulted before writing description:

How long before field notes made? 2 days this form completed? 12/24/82