

Vesper Sparrow - 1 January 7, 1982
5 miles North, 1 1/2 miles west of Hastings, Iowa. Mills Co.

Description.

Size: Sparrow-sized - distinctly larger than a Junco.

Face: Head grayish. White eye ring. White ~~of~~ outline below + behind cheek. Bill conical, yellowish + not bright.

Underparts: Breast streaked, with a faint central spot. Flanks streaked.

Above: grayish brown

Tail: white outer tail feathers

Behavior

Flew across a field + landed on the road. Flew down to feed on the road with Juncos. Dog flushed them, and the Sparrow flew into the tree while the Juncos flew into a field. They all flew back to the road.

Similar species: White outer tail feathers + face pattern
= Vesper sparrow

Light, time, etc.: About 3 minutes, about 10:33 am. Weather about 10:45. Sunny, clear sky. Cold (~~to~~ about zero).

Light wind from south. Closest about 50 feet. 8.5 binoculars. No books. Bird N. of me.

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