

July 16, 1978

Dr. Halmi,

I thought I should drop you a line about a recent observation I had. On July 8 while birding in the hills several miles north of Amana on # 149 I found what I believe was a Lincoln's Sparrow. The bird was flushed from a brushy creek bed and hopped around in the brush. The head reminded me of a Song sparrow. I noted the fine streaking on the upper breast only. The lower breast was clear. At the time I did not note any other particular features. However the bird did sing several times and I was immediately reminded of a House Wren. The song was not so bubbly or strong as a wren's. Rather it was timid and somewhat weak. I observed the bird from no more than 30 feet through binoculars in good light.

After listening to the sparrow section on the Peterson bird song recording, I concluded that the sparrow which I heard was a Lincoln's.

I have included the above details as I could not find any other July records for Iowa in either Kent or Brown.

I looked again for the bird on July 9 and with the Newlon's on July 15 but did not find it.



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