

IOWA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS DOCUMENTATION FORM

What species? Henslow sparrow How many? 1Location: County Ringgold Block 850Location in detail T67N R29W sec 15Habitat? grassland that is being managed towards prairieWhen? date? 5/19/86; Time: 7:00 am to 7:30 am6/13/86 Time: 8:00 am to 8:30 amObserver? Name: Thomas RoshingAddress: Box 119 Mt. Ayr Ia.Telephone: 464-3371

Description of bird(s): include size, shape, detailed description of all parts including bill, eye, head, neck, back, wings, tail, throat, breast, belly, undertail, legs, feet; also voice and behavior. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Several photographs were obtained.
 Somewhat sloping forehead - to sparrow-like bill
 faint streaking on sides in front of wing
 olive-green neck contrasting with a
 rufous back

sighting on 5/19 - was perched singing the short
 "tick-tick" this was primary character used to

IP
 sighting on 6/13 (w/in 100 yds of first) observer was 15 feet
 distant and had excellent view - ID by above
 visual characters, then it uttered the same song.

Similar species and how eliminated: song heard

Did anyone have reservations about identification? If so, explain: NO

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance and how measured, optical equipment used.

8x35 binoculars, also 400 mm telephoto
lense

Previous experience with this species and other similar ones:

Have done considerable bird census work.

Currently doing grassland census - see a lot of grasshopper, vesper, song, and field sparrows

BREEDING BEHAVIOR: Give all details observed that indicate that the species breeds on the block. If nest, eggs, young, or courtship display were observed, describe in detail.

singing birds have been seen on
bird censuses following the initial sighting
on 5/19/86

On 6/13 I flushed a henlow sparrow out of
the grass in the same area I made initial observation

If books or other birders were consulted before writing up the documentation, please list them here:

no

How long after observation were field notes made?

same day

How long after observation was this form completed?

1 day