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Henslow's Sparrow 17 JUN - 14 JUL 1996  
Pleasant Creek R.A. Linn Co

During a routine check of my bluebird boxes on 17 JUN at Pleasant Creek recreation area, I heard and subsequently observed one male Henslow's Sparrow.

The distinctive two note "se-lick" song alerted me first to the bird. I eventually located it and I observed a greenish head with a crown stripe, a large, light gray bill and a white throat. The upper breast was buff with dark streaking. The bird was the size of a Grasshopper Sparrow.

I contacted Daryl Howell of the DNR and we agreed to meet at the site on 24 JUN. In the evening of 24 JUN and the morning of 25 JUN, Daryl was able to locate at least 7 males and got a good look at one bird.

I was able to locate at least four birds on two occasions:  
1 JUL and 14 JUL

The habitat that these birds are using is an open grassland area.