

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Latilong _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. _____
Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Grasshopper Sparrow Weather at time of this observation.
Scientific Name Ammodramus saviannorum Sunny (sun to my side and back)
Sight date 17 July 83 time 1000 duration 5 min
Distance from bird 20 feet
Light conditions excellent. Prior weather & number of days since change
Optical equip. 8x binoculars / 5-60x B&L Scope fair
Photo equip. _____
Number of this species seen 1 Locality
Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared. Laguna, Coch County, Utah
Notes made later from memory 10th North, north edge of
Photo available Photo enclosed 24 July 83 central sewage pond.

Male ? Adult Age unk. Basic Plumage ? Light Phase
Female Subadult ♀ or Imm Breeding Dark Phase
Sex Unk. Juv/Imm _____ year bird Eclipse Molting

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any
Sparrow, cone bill, brown, ~~to~~ breast unstreaked streaked, with median white line and a trace of yellow between eye and bill. Fine over eye ^{forehead} Bill and ^{forehead} skull form a straight line.

*Alastair
Carr*

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

The book says "short tail"
I would call it average,
but certainly not long.

Variations from expected field marks.

none.

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

I depended largely on the song, with which I am familiar from Kansas and from recordings.
The savannah sparrow has a streaked breast, as does the vesper sp. The savanna has a rather different song. I saw hundreds of them in Alaska last month.
I am not familiar with the Brewer's sparrow, but it lacks the central crown stripe and has a different song. It is also listed as a mountain sage species in the Colbe check list.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

sitting on a fence post and singing. Shifted position several times to display breast, profile and back. No other birds apparent.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Fence forms border between sludge lagoon peripheral canal and pasture which was wet in spring, now drying.

Describe birds song or sounds.

2 short, high notes followed by a longish buzzy trill.

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

none

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen and heard grasshopper sparrows frequently in Kansas

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