

verified this ~~photo~~ ~~first~~ new state record. (12-1984) → GMC JD PL 9-1984

Black Scoter Dec 1-2 1984 RS ES B+G-B C.M. J.B.

Cat 3 → Cat 2  
immature Cat 5  
female

Several photographs showed ~~the~~ rounded head,

diagnostic marks GMC PL for Black Scoter  
This is the second documented record for Utah

Red Shouldered Hawk 16-1984 observed  
This hawk was first ~~found~~ by  
Merrill Webb on the St George CBC,

Photograph obtained on Jan 5, 1984  
The date follows patterns for records  
areas in Nev, Arizona, an <sup>3:0</sup> sub of Calif  
Bairds Sparrow <sup>grey</sup> from this breeding cenge  
May 27 1982

The committee ~~was~~ did not feel qualified  
to evaluate this species and ~~was~~ received advice  
from four reviewers. ~~no~~ None recommended accept  
the record. ~~was~~

"A major point both mention is the abrupt ending  
of the breast streaking on the upper breast-  
indeed a characteristic of Bairds Sparrow, but  
also not uncommon in Savannah Sparrows,  
especially western ones.

In short their description sounds more like a Bairds sparrow than anything else but is not convincing. I am especially concerned by three aspects of it viz.: (1) the emphasis on the pattern of breast streaking, which easily overlaps western Savannah Sparrows, (2) the size of the bird (its too big!), and the yellowness, or yellow orange --- too yellow for this species! I think <sup>that</sup> the record cannot be accepted (JR)

"I have noted whitish outer tail feathers on Bairds Sparrows in the field and consider it a mark that separates it from Savannah Sparrow (a check of specimens in the San Diego NHM confirms the fact that Bairds Sparrows do have whitish outer tail feathers.

One account states the bird was "the same size as a Vesper Sparrow, which immediately suggests a bird larger than a Bairds Sparrow. The coloration of the head ("yellow-orange head color") and superficially resembled that of a Fall Townsends Warbler) ~~the~~ as described suggests a bird much brighter about the head than a Bairds Sparrow and the pattern (Townsend's Warbler l. ke) suggests the bird had a noticeably ear patch, which would be wrong for Bairds Sparrow. The tail is described as medium long and was dark brown to blackish

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