

COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

56-73-16

VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF AN UNUSUAL RECORD

Accepted JR 12/9/73

1. Species: Field Sparrow | May 13--2
 (Vernacular Name) | 2. Number May 14--3
 (Scientific Name)

3. Location: Republican River, below Bonny Dam, Yuma County Colorado

4. Date(s): May 13-14 1972 5. Time bird seen: various to

6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern. (Describe in great detail all parts of the plumage including beak and feet coloration in addition to the diagnostic characteristics; however, include only what actually was seen in the field):

Reddish crown, pink bill, song of series of whistles or clear notes. One bird sang consistently from a grassy field having widely scattered bushes, either young cottonwoods or willows; it sang so much we speculated on possible nesting.

The others, as I recall, were in bushes along the Republican River.

7. Description of voice, if heard: above

8. Description of behavior:

9. Habitat--general: cottonwood river bottom
 specific: above

10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated 6, 7 and 8 above; Explain:

Chipping sparrow has white eyestripe, dark bill; Tree Sparrow has stickpin, two-toned bill; Swamp Sparrow has dusky breast, rusty wings, dark bill, different habitat.

11. Distance (how measured?): various

12. Optical equipment: 7/35

13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and observer):
good

14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
New York; Colorado; various

15. What made you think this species was unusual or rare?

I don't think it's all that rare that it should be on the Rare Bird list.

16. Other observers: Paul Julian

17. Did others agree with your identification?
yes

18. Other observers who independently identified this bird:
Paul Julian

19. Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation:
Robbins

20. If bird was photographed, please attach pictures and describe equipment used:

Signature

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(USE THE REVERSE, OR ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY)