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1. Field Sparrow-Spizella pusilla

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3. Sheridan Lake, Kiowa Co., Colorado

4. September 4, 1972

5. 3:00 to 3:10 PM

6. While observering sparrows along a fence line I saw one with a pinkish bill and rusty cap. I compared the size with a chipping sparrow of which it was the same size. I also noted the two wingbars, a grayish color on the cheeks, and its plain breast with buffy underparts. The eyering was fairly distinct.

7. No voice heard.

8. Behavior: Sitting on fence.

9. Habatat: Gen.-cultivated prairie lands
Spec.-weed patch(Russian thistle)

10. Tree Sparrow-breast spot-yellow lower mandible-no eyering

Chipping sparrow-white eyeline

Rufous Crowned sparrow-Black whisker

Swamp sparrow-dark bill-white throat

11. 20 to 25 ft. estimated

12. 7x35 Binoculars -20-45x scope

13. Light: Good, sun at my back bird in front of me-Sky clear

14. Seen many times in Kansas and Illinois

15. I wasn't sure how rare in that part of the state.

16. No other observers.

17. Others agreed.

18. No other observers.

19. Western Field Guide and Birds of N. America were used when I got back to my car.

20. No photos.

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