

RARE SPECIES REPORT

625-02-1997

SPECIES: <i>Sedge Wren</i> <i>Oistothorus platensis</i>		NUMBER SEEN: 1
SIGHTING DATE: 10 May 1997		SIGHTING TIME: 6:20 am
LOCATION:	COUNTY & STATE: Lancaster, Pa. DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN: Middlecreek W.M.A. - Stop #1 DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE:	
HABITAT: Small marshy area (25 yards x 15 yards) with cattails and sedges. A large pond is to the right and a wet meadow with another spring seep apx. 20 yards away.		
SIGHTING CONDITIONS: 48° NW Winds 15 mph	LIGHTING: Partly cloudy DISTANCE: 30 ft. EQUIP. USED: 10x50 Swift Binoculars LENGTH OF SIGHTING: 20 seconds.	
DESCRIPTION:	VOICE: not heard SIZE: apx. 4" long, short bill and short tail. PLUMAGE: Dark brown crown and back streaked w/white. Buffy supercilium. The Lesser, Median, and Greater wing coverts were dark brown with buffy barring. The tail was barred with buff and dark brown. Plain buffy face, whitish throat, and brownish flanks. I did not see the undertail coverts. No streaking on breast or on the flanks. ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): The bill was apx. 1/2" long. The upper mandible was light brown. The lower mandible was flesh colored. The short legs were flesh colored. BEHAVIOR: This bird appeared nervous. It flew near the top of a clump of sedge grass. (18") It stayed only 20 sec. Then it flew straight down. It was not seen again.	
FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen Sedge Wren at Bombay Hook, Delaware three times. I have seen all of North American wrens.		
COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: The Winter Wren has no streaking on the crown + back. The tail is shorter and it has barring on the flanks. The House Wren also has no streaking on the crown and back. The Marsh Wren has a plain brown crown and a bolder eyebrow.		
HAS A PHOTOGRAPH BEEN TAKEN? no IF SO, BY WHO?		
Have any additional observers filled out a rare species report? If so, who?		
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (Use back of form for more space): I was looking for a Sora in this marshy area. I had my tape in the car and decided to clasp my hands together. Instead of a rail answering I was greeted by this small wren. Sedge Wren song was played afterwards with no luck.		
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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)

Date of Sighting: 10 May 1997 to 10 May 1997

Location: MIDDLE CREEK WMA LA

County: LANCASTER

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Randy Miller

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
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F. Haas			X					
P. Schwalbe			X					
K. Parkes			X					
R. Ickes			X					
P. Hess			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
T. Floyd			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

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Date:

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