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DOCUMENTATION FOR SEDGE WREN

On Oct.18, at 0800 hrs. as members of the Troyer Birding Team were birding a small wetland and drainage area overgrown with tall marshgrasses, we became aware of a quiet insect-like song, "chit-chit-chit-churrrr," that was unfamiliar to us. After 'spishing' for some time, we saw a small wren moving about low in the grass. We were able to get several good looks of it in the short moments it chose the tops of the grass to sing it's song.

It lacked the distinct white eye stripe of the marsh wren and it's song was also quite different. The upperparts were brown streaked with white on the head and back. Underparts: buffy. Bill: short and thin. Actions: secretive, mouse-like. Call note: similar to two pebbles tapped together. No photos or song recordings are available.

Later that day, when we returned to the spot with several other birders, it responded to a recorded song of the sedge wren, coming as close as eight feet from us.

Observers were; Troyer Birding Team members, Neal Troyer, Harvey Troyer, Jerry Troyer, and Melvin Troyer.
Gene and Suzanne Butcher, Ruth Crawford

Location; Mercer County, Lake Latonka area

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)

Date of Sighting: 18 October 1997 to 18 October 1997

Location: LAKE LATONKA

County: MERCER

Observer(s): Neal Troyer, Harvey Troyer, Jerry Troyer, Melvin Troyer
Suzanne Butcher, Gene Butcher, Ruth Crawford

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Neal Troyer

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RELOADING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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