

625-09-2006

Sedge Wren

June 25, 2005 (early afternoon)

undisclosed location - Butler County, PA (as per employer: 2nd PA Breeding Bird Atlas)

Observers: Tom Johnson and Cameron Rutt (report by Johnson)

Cameron and I heard, then saw a Sedge Wren in appropriate breeding habitat at an undisclosed location in Butler County. The bird was singing and calling. The song was a dry, mechanical "chk chk sck-sck-sck-sck-sck", a typical Sedge Wren song. Call notes were like the introduction to the song. The bird was seen fairly well in dense grass – the bird had a brown/ white striped back, tail, and wings and was overall sandy colored. It was small – smaller than Marsh Wrens. The bird's head was not as contrasty as Marsh Wrens as well. I attached a photo of the bird that I took at the time of observation.

This was my first observation of the species but I am sure of the ID because of close looks, good opportunity to hear the song, and the photos that I obtained.

Tom Johnson January 17, 2007 (from brief notes taken day of obs.)

Record No: 625-052005

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Sedge Wren

Cistothorus platensis

Date of Sighting: 25 June 200 to 25 June 200

Location: UNDISCLOSED

County: BUSHS AUTLER
Observer(s): Tom Johnson, Cameron Rutt

Date of Submission: 2006 Submitted by: Tom Johnson

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut	X							
A. Guarente	X							
T. Johnson	×							
J. Stanley								
E. Witmer	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	b							
DECISION	X							

Comments:

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MMI Signature (Secretary)

Date: 7/30/07