

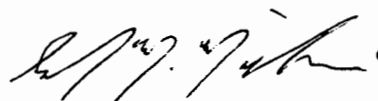
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CLAY-COLORED SPARROW (Spizella pallida)

On May 18, 1989 while sitting on a log at the south end of Gull Point at Presque Isle State Park I heard a call familiar to me as a Clay-colored Sparrow. After discovering the sound coming from a lone willow sapling I located the bird perched at the top. The willow was approximately 8 feet high growing in a patch of Fragmites about 100' away from me. The moment I got the bird into view a Song Sparrow flew out of the Fragmites and chased it away.

The Clay-colored Sparrow sang one time giving a clear and distinctive brief series of 6 or 7 buzzes on the same pitch. Though the view of the bird was brief, I was able to identify the bird as a small sparrow with a brown cap with a pale central stripe, brown facial patch, pale buffy unmarked underside, and a deeply notched tail. This is the fourth Clay-colored Sparrow I have seen in Erie County, one was a singing bird on territory in July, 1984. Optical equipment used was a pair of Zeiss 10 X 40 Dyalyt Binoculars.

Jerry McWilliams,



Record No.: 814-01-1989

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round # of**

**Species:** Clay-colored Sparrow

**Date of Sighting:** 05/18/89

**Observer(s):** Jerry McWilliams

**Date of Submission:** 1989 Erie

**Submitted by:** Jerry McWilliams

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