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Description of Clay Colored Sparrow July 14, 1991

- Clear breast - no streaking
- Pale bill
- Prominent buffy eye stripe (~~above the eye~~)
- Dark, brownish cheek patch, outlined by ^{dark} buffy lines on the side of the face.
- Crown brown with a pale buff median stripe
- Song a buzzy dry buzz repeated twice, very insectlike, and on the same pitch.
- Compared to a grasshopper sparrow this bird had markings on the face (dark outlined ear cheek patch), the grasshopper sparrow has a plain face. Grasshopper sparrows have very buffy breasts, this bird's breast was plain and whitish. The tail of this bird was proportionately longer (relative to the body) than a grasshopper sparrow's whose tail is ~~short~~, pointed, and stubby.

The grasshopper sparrow flies with quivering wings, in a fashion appearing to float lightly through the air. This bird flew swiftly and directly between perches.

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Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # of

Species: **Clay-colored Sparrow**

Date of Sighting: **14 July 1991 to 19 July 1991**

Observer(s): **Joe Panza, Mike Fialkovich, Jim Valimont**

Date of Submission: **1991 *Mevea***

Submitted by: **Joe Panza**

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E. Kwater	X						
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G. McWilliams	X						
S. Santner	X						
P. Schwalbe	X						
TOTALS	7		4				
DECISION	X						

Comments:

Signature (Secretary): *Bm Haas*

Date: *3/7/92*