

RARE SPECIES REPORT

814-06 -1996

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| SPECIES: Clay-colored Sparrow <sup>Spizella pallida</sup><br>immature  |   | NUMBER SEEN: 1-2                 |
| SIGHTING DATE: 18 Oct. 1996  |   | SIGHTING TIME: 6:20am and 6:30am |
| LOCATION:  | COUNTY & STATE: Lebanon Co, Pa.<br>DISTANCE & DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN:<br>Mt. Wilson Walter H. Weaver Inc.<br>DIRECTIONS, IF APPLICABLE: From Rt 322 and 241, go south on Rt 241 for apx 5 miles. The lumber yard is on the right.  |                                  |
| HABITAT: Lumber Yard and 4.2 acre warehouse with lumber  |   |                                  |
| SIGHTING CONDITIONS:   | LIGHTING: Bright artificial lights<br>DISTANCE: 10ft and 3ft<br>EQUIP. USED: none<br>LENGTH OF SIGHTING: apx. 15 min.   |                                  |
| DESCRIPTION:   | VOICE: not heard<br>SIZE: apx 4 3/4 - 5" smaller than the Chipping Sparrow<br>PLUMAGE: Birds 1+2 = plain buff breast, brown cheek patch bordered by dark brown stripes above and below, buff eyebrow and lore, white/buff throat with malar stripe. Brown crown with whitish median crown stripe. Gray nape. Brown rump patch. $\rightarrow$<br>ANATOMY (bill length, leg color, etc.): Bill - small, pinkish sparrow bill $\rightarrow$<br>flesh colored legs + feet<br>BEHAVIOR: Confused and probably scared being in unfamiliar surroundings. The 1st bird was approached to within 10ft until it hid behind a 2 ton bundle of lumber with 5 more bundles on top. The 2nd bird approached me to the tip of my boots, picking at saw dust. |                                  |
| FAMILIARITY WITH THIS & SIMILAR SPECIES: I have seen mature Clay-colored Sparrows in South Dakota and Penna. This is my 1st sighting of imm. Clay-colored Sparrow.   |   |                                  |
| COMPARISON TO SIMILAR SPECIES: I had an imm. Chipping Sparrow feeding next to the imm. Clay-colored Sparrow. Both sparrows were inches from my boots. The Clay-colored Sparrow was smaller than the Chipping Sparrow by apx. 1/2". |   |                                  |
| 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):   |   |                                  |
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## Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

### Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*)

Date of Sighting: 18 October 1996 to 18 October 1996

Location: MT WILSON

County: LEBANON

Observer(s): Randy Miller

Date of Submission: 1996

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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|               |         |          |           |          | A       | B | C |         |
| F. Haas       |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| N. Pulcinella |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| E. Kwater     |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| R. Ickes      |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| G. McWilliams |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| P. Schwalbe   |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| S. Feldstein  |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |
| TOTALS        |         |          | 7         |          |         |   |   |         |
| DECISION      |         |          | X         |          |         |   |   |         |

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

R. C. Haas

Date:

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