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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

SOUTHEASTERN BLADFORD

CBC Name COUNTY, PA Date 12/30/89 Compiler WILLIAM REID

Observer writing this account & date WILLIAM REID - 1/20/90 - from notes at time of observation

SPECIES GRASSHOPPER SPARROW NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 - Adult

Distance from bird(s) 30 to 50 feet Relative size of bird smaller than juncos with which it was feeding. A very small sparrow.

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.) Flat-headed, striped crown (lengthwise) with noticeable stripe at middle of crown (pale stripe)

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) eye dark with slight eye-ring. Yellowish lores not noted.

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES upper mandible brownish; lower lighter colored, seemed yellowish

LEGS & FEET _____

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) Back - brownish & black streakings

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) buffy across breast & on sides, belly - dirty white. Very faint streaking in breast & on sides.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) Tail - short - We did not get a good angle on the bird to pick it out as being pointed.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & trailing edges, etc.) Brownish with light edgings. No reddish in wings

VOCALIZATION None

BEHAVIOR Feeding on ground at feeding station. Eventually flew into nearby branch of a pine tree (ca. 5 feet from ground). Sat there several minutes. When camera clicked, it flew off & could not be found again.

Date of observation 12/30/89 Time 12:20-1:00 Weather Clear Sky Cloudy

Duration of observation 40 min. Bird - Sun orientation bird to ^{the} west of us; sun to our ^{overclouded} left

Exact location 1/4 mile from intersection of U.S. Route 6 (at top of Wyson cut) & Standing Stone Road

Habitat Feeder by home in wooded area - behind the house a drop of several hundred feet to Susquehanna River. Other observers Jerry Skinner

Optical equipment 7x35 binoculars & 20 power scope

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS The lady at the house had seen the bird - The 30th was the first day it was there. We could not re-locate the bird in mid-afternoon. I believe the bird was an adult - the faint streakings ~~were~~ were not nearly as noticeable as in an immature bird. Both observers very familiar with the species.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL

One picture was taken by J. Skinner. It has not yet been developed. It will probably need to be enlarged. I will send a photo when we get it - assuming that we get a picture which shows the bird.

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Voting Tabulation - Round #2 of 2

Species: **Grasshopper Sparrow**Date of Sighting: **30 December 1989**Observer(s): **William Reid**Date of Submission: **1990 Bradford**Submitted by: **William Reid**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas *							
F. Haas				X			
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe				X			
TOTALS			2	3		1	
DECISION				X			

Comments: * Abstain

Signature (Secretary):

Bm Haas

Date:

3/7/92

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of 2

Species: **Grasshopper Sparrow**

Date of Sighting: **December 30, 1989**

Observer(s): **William Reid**

Date of Submission: **1990**

Submitted by: **William Reid**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V		
					A	B	C
E. Kwater				X			
B. Haas			X				
F. Haas			X				
R. Leberman						X	
G. McWilliams			X				
S. Santner			X				
P. Schwalbe*							
TOTALS			4	1		1	
DECISION							

Comments: * Abstain 1

Send for Second Round

Signature (Secretary):

Date: