

830A-02-1998

Species: Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow

Location: Mercer Co. Lake Latonka Silt Basin.

Habitat: Small, boggy wetland, surrounded by seed-bearing grasses.

Dates: 10/18-21/98

Observers:

Suzanne Butcher	Daniel Troyer
Shirley McCarl	Eli Troyer
Don McKay	Harvey Troyer
Marty McKay	Jerry Troyer
Russ States	Melvin Troyer
Randy Stringer	Neil Troyer
Allen Troyer	Linda Wagner

Description from our field notes.

First found by Harvey and Eli Troyer at 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 18, 1998. The sparrow would allow close approach of around 15 ft., before dropping below cover. It gave us excellent views in the brief periods of time it stayed above cover. No photos or song recordings are available.

Sparrow, short pointed tail, dark crown with gray Central Stripe, gray ear patch, surrounded by orange-yellow triangle on face, breast buffy, with no noticeable streaks, sides buffy with light streaks. belly white. Song resembled Rusty Blackbird.

The gray central stripe on the crown helped us distinguish it from the Le Conte's and the unstreaked breast from the Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow.



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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Tabulation - Round One**

Species: Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow (*Ammodramus nelsoni*)

Date of Sighting: 18 October 1998 to 21 October 1998

Location: LAKE LATONKA

County: MERCER

Observer(s): Neal Troyer

Date of Submission: 1998

Submitted by: Neal Troyer

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams				X				
B. Reid				X				<del>X</del>
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			4	2				<del>1</del>
DECISION			<del>X</del>					

Comments: 4/2/98 2ND ROUND

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 9/28/00

**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Voting Ballot - Round Two**

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Observer(s): Neal Troyer

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Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

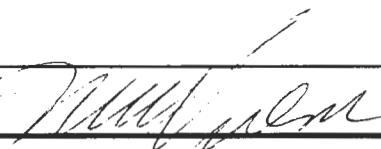
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman			X					
G. Armistead			X					
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams				X				
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6	1				
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/1/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 10/21/07