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<http://www.westol.com/~banding/Sharp-tail.htm>

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Tabulation Form - Round One

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

Date of Sighting: 30 September 2000 to 30 September 2000

Location: POWDERMILL BIOLOGICAL STATION

County: WESTMORELAND

Observer(s): Robert Mulvihill

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Robert Mulvihill

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

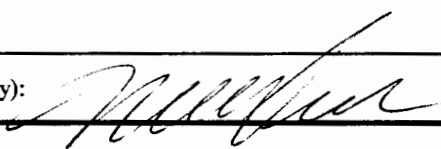
Specimen: No

Recording: ~~Video~~ NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
G. Armistead	X							
D. Couchman	X							
P. Hess	X							
R. Jones J. Stanley	X							
B. Reid	X							
R. Lehmann P. Redwald								X
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							1
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date: 10/27/01