

RARE BIRD REPORT

Species: NEISON'S SHARP-TAIL Date of this Observation: 10/15/00

Date Found: 10/15/00 Last Date Seen: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: PIWE RUN RESERVOIR

Township/City: DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP County: BUCKS

Person Writing this report: KENNETH RIEKER

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Other Observers: DR. BRIAN NASE

Who found the bird first: ABOUL

Other documentation included: (Circle all appropriate items)(Make sure all attached items are fully labeled)

Photograph      Audio Recording      Video Recording

If a Specimen, where is it stored? \_\_\_\_\_

Description: (Attach additional pages as needed —Please do not write on back of this form)

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On the morning of Sunday, October 15th, Dr. Brian Nase and I were birding along the edge of Pine Run Reservoir. We were looking at Savannah Sparrows, when a small sparrow suddenly appeared in the brush along the dry edge of the lake. We had only a few seconds to observe the bird before it flew off. I saw only the head, with a very bright ochre supercilium and moustachial stripe. While moving to get a better look at the bird, it flushed with two other birds. All had dark-looking backs, which later I felt ruled out Le Conte's sparrow. Dr. Nase, a novice birder, asked me, "What was that?" I said, "That was a good bird." He replied without my asking that all he had seen was a very orange head. I felt at the time it was either a Le Conte's or a Sharp-tail sparrow because of the head color. Due to the dark looking back of the bird when it flushed, I decided it must be one of the sharp-tail sparrows. Dr. Nase had been paged, and we were on the way home. We made a short attempt to relocate the bird without success.

I notified several local birders soon thereafter. Unfortunately, no one was able to relocate the bird. Clouds moved in Sunday afternoon, with rain off and on till Wednesday, when Devich Farbotnik was able to locate the bird and videotape the sparrow. After looking at the videos, I feel they confirm that the bird belongs to the Nelson's race of sharp-tail sparrow.

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**Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee**

**Tabulation Form - Round One**

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

Date of Sighting: 15 October 2000 to 15 October 2000

Location: PINE RUN RESERVOIR

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Devich Farbotnik, Kenneth Rieker

Date of Submission: 2000

Submitted by: Devich Farbotnik, Kenneth Rieker

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

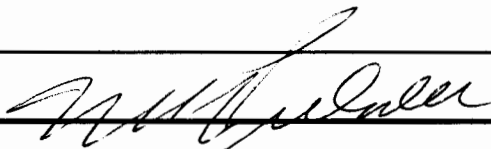
Specimen: No

Recording: Video

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							
<del>R. Leckes</del> J. Stanley	X							
B. Reid	X							
<del>R. Leckes</del> <del>P. Rodewald</del>	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6				1			
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/1/0

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

10/27/01