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PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
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West Chester, PA 19380
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SPECIES (common and scientific name) SEASIDE SPARROW AMMODRAMUS MARITIMUS
Subspecies (if known) _____

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 **SEX(ES)** MALE

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): ADULT

DATE OF OBSERVATION MAY 25, 2005 **TIME** 10:15 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

LOCATION (city, borough, township) MIDDLETOWN LONDONBERRY TWP

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) KENNEDY LANE

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name KARL S. KUGLE
Address 2412 EAST HIGH STREET
City MUMFRESTOWN State PA ZIP 17036
e-mail (optional) WILDEOTO@EZOLINE.NET phone (optional) 717-566-5513

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

PETER ROBINSON

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) WET MAREFIELD

DISTANCE TO BIRD APPROXIMATELY 25 YARDS

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) CLOUDY, OVERCAST,

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED MAMIYA SEKOR 500 DTL WITH 1000 MM LENS

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): GRAYISH OLIVE UPPER PARTS WITH STREAKING, SHORT POINTED TAIL
YELLOW SUPRALORAL STREAK, WHITE THROAT DARK MALAR STRIPE SEPARATING
WHITE THROAT AND MOUTHWACHE WHITE OR BUFF BREAST WITH DUSKY GRAY
STREAKING LARGE BILL WITH THICK RAKE AND SPIKY TIP

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) STAYED LOW IN THE BRUSH AND MOVED ABOUT FROM LIMB TO LIMB AND OCCASIONALLY CAME OUT IN THE OPEN ON A DEAD BRANCH

VOCALIZATIONS

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name KARL S. KUGLE

Address 24 1/2 EAST HIGH ST

City HUMMELSTOWN State PA ZIP 17036

e-mail (optional) KUDFOTW@EZOVINE.NET phone (optional) 717 566-5513

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) ELIMINATED IT FROM OTHER SPECIES BY THE FIELD MARKINGS AND IT WAS THE ONLY BIRD OF THIS SPECIES PRESENT

DISCUSSION – Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

SEEN OTHER TYPES OF SPARROWS

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES, BECAUSE IT LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THE PICTURE IN THE FIELD GUIDE

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation STOKES FIELD GUIDE

After observation STOKES FIELD GUIDE & BIRDS OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

DATE OF THIS REPORT: MAY 26, 2005

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Karl S. Kugle

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) SEASIDE SPARROW (*Ammodramus maritimus*)
Subspecies, if known Atlantic

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): Adult

DATE OF OBSERVATION 5/25/05 TIME 6:45

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Deodate, PA (southern Dauphin County)

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Kennedy Road switchback

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name Tom Johnson
Address 21 Meadowood Dr.
City Hummels town State PA ZIP 17036
e-mail (optional) tomjohnson@comcast.net phone (optional) 717 566 9875

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): none with me, but many others saw it after I had to go to school (I was tardy to class that day)

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) wet hayfield with scattered bushes (3-4 ft tall hay/grass)

DISTANCE TO BIRD < 25 ft

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) foggy but mostly clear, sun beginning to rise behind me as I watched the bird.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Nikon 8x42 Premier binoculars

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz" = e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual):

As I got out of my car to do a PBBA point count, I heard the SESP singing - from a bush about 20-25 ft away.

Size/shape - fairly large (SESP sized) + chunky

head - flat appearance, yellow (or) spots, white throat + malar w/ dark border, dark face + rest of head

overall color - dark, overall gray

breast - gray w/ heavy streaking + dark central spot

bill - large (long for sparrow)

tail - short, spiky (from flight views)

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) first seen singing for 5+ minutes from exposed perch, then made short, pulsing flight into tall grass + continued to sing from a hidden perch

VOCALIZATIONS typical SESP song - instantly recognized - gassy hiss w/ abrupt notes (at beginning + end... somewhat similar to a RWBL song but much thinner)

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name Dave DePannus + Peter Robinson -> said he'd send these to NIP separately (42 images)
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

@ <http://www.users.fast.net/~becard/Seaside%20Sparrow-1.jpg>

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition NA
If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known NA

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) longer bill + darker overall than Sharp-tailed Sparrows w/ distinctive facial pattern + song!

Song Sparrow - different song, yellow lores, long bill

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: I found the bird before school while doing point counts for the PA Breeding Bird Atlas. This was at a spot I had never banded before. I immediately recognized the song as Seaside Sparrow, but I needed the visual confirmation to convince myself I'd found one in Pennsylvania. Devine Hoffman + company arrived after a cellular phone summons + released the bird after I left for school. After not being seen in the middle of the day, the bird was seen again @ dusk by Rick Wilton, Adam Troner, et al. Not present the next morning. The bird showed up after heavy SE winds the previous day/night.
(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES 5+ years w/ SESP from trips to NJ + DE, both Sharp-tailed Sparrows in PA, NJ, ME for 5+ years
just Nelsons in PA

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES - immediate aural + visual ID plus corroboration by photos + others

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE
After observation The Sibley Guide to Birds (for Latin name)

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 10/8/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER Kan Johnson

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round ~~Two~~ ONE

Species: Seaside Sparrow (Ammodramus maritimus)

Date of Sighting: 25 May 2005 to 25 May 2005

Location: LONDONERRY TOWNSHIP

County : DAUPHIN

Observer(s): Tom Johnson et al.

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: Tom Johnson, Peter Robinson, Karl Kugle

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

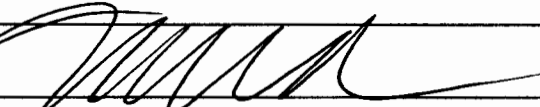
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
A. Guarente	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
R. Leberman Heller	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/10

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/24/05