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Species: Fox SPARROW

(Vernacular Name)

Passerella iliaca

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): September 30, 1973

Time Bird Seen: 9:15 A.M.

to 9:16 A.M.-MID

Locality: Prewitt Reservoir

Nearest Town: Merino

County: Logan

Other observers who identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

None

Optical Equipment: 10X Binoculars; 15X-35X Telescope

Light Conditions: Bright, clear sky; direct sunlight not on bird.

Distance from Bird (how measured): 75 feet (estimated)

Number of Birds Seen: One Sex: Unknown Plumage: Adult

Overall Appearance and Size: Fairly large and chunky sparrow. overall - dark brownish or reddish brown above; heavy splatting on breast;

Detailed Description (describe only what was actually observed in the field):

Bill (shape and color): Conical-shaped; dusky gray

Legs (shape and color): Not observed

Crown and Forehead: Dark rufous-brown

Eye (color): dark

Nape: Dark rufous-brown

Face: Grayish & Brownish

Throat: Buffy-spotted

Breast and Sides: white, heavily splotted with rufous-brown

Belly and Flanks: white, less splatting

Undertail Coverts: Not observed

Back: grayish-brown; heavily striped with dark brown markings

Wings: rufous brown

Underwings: not observed

Rump: reddish-brown to grayish-brown Uppertail Coverts: reddish-brown

Upper Side of Tail: Very reddish brown contrasting with grayer back

Under Side of Tail: Not observed.

Shape of Tail:

Voice: a lisping "tseep" much like call of white-throated Sparrow (which I thought it was until I saw the bird)

Behavior: Heard "tseep" call note coming from thicket. Bird responded immediately to "shooshing" noise - popped up and sat in full view in b

Habitat: Heavy deciduous thicket in mixed deciduous woods - Cottonwood Elm (U

Prior Experience with this Species: Eleven years in Chicago area. 25 year

on Long Island, N.Y., where it was regular visitor at feeder's in winter

Also two years experience in Seattle, Wash. (very dark phase) where

also came to my feeder. Seen in Coastal California 6 or 7 times

How Were Similarly Appearing Species Eliminated? Song Sparrow smaller, graye

no splatting. Lincoln's Sparrow has buffy breast with fine marking

Other streaked breasted Sparrows eliminated on size, habitat,

and call note. Thrushes eliminated because of spotted breast

and wrong shaped bill (thin). Thrashers eliminated because of

long, thin bill and very long tail. Also much larger.

* NOTE: BEN list only one record east of foothills (also Prewitt Res.). Seems ok

This Report was Written From: Notes made during after observation; Memory X

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