

Species: GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW
 (Vernacular Name)

Zonotrichia atricapilla
 (Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): Dec 28 JAN 4 Time Bird Seen: 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Locality: Wallace - along So. Platte River below bridge

Nearest Town: Wadsworth County:

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
<u>JACK Rehall</u>	<u>4450 So. Alton</u>	<u>771-5308</u>
<u>John & Joyce Coon</u>	<u>1041 Field</u>	<u>237-4855</u>
<u>Many others - most of DFO from Dec 29 - JAN 4 or later</u>		

Optical Equipment: 7x50 Binoculars

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Excellent

Distance from bird (how measured): 25-30 Feet - estimated across So. Platte

Number of Birds Seen: 1 Sex: ? Plumage: Adult

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

*Feeding by itself on wet bank covered with watercress
 seems timid & apparently hides out in shrubs*

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

Large sparrow with Black top of head with a crown of yellow (dull). Bill is dusky

Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

None

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

see above

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

No Doubt about it being a Zonotrichia
due to size + crown, actually an ^{hard} ~~easy~~ bird
not to be able to identify.

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

IT was a LIFE bird FOR me but I have have
seen all the other Zonotrichia species within
the past month

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation?

No influence

This report was written from notes made during ☒ after observation; from memory ☐

PRINT NAME: Robert Reed SIGNATURE: Robert Reed DATE: Jan 9, 1955
Street Address: 7654 So. Harlem Town and State: LITTLE ROCK ZIP: 80127

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Species: GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW

Zonotrichia atricapilla

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name-use binomial)

Date(s): December 29, 1974

Time Bird Seen: 2:00 P.M. to 2:10 P.M.-MST

Locality: Along South Platte River downstream about 100 yards from bridge at Waterton

Nearest Town: Littleton

County: Jefferson

Other observers who independently identified this bird:

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Bob Reed - 7654 South Harlan Street, Littleton, Colorado 80123

Many other observers: Van Remsen, Nancy Hurley.

Optical Equipment: 10X50 Bushnell Binoculars; 15X-60X Zoom telescope.

If photographed, type of equipment used:

Light Conditions: Excellent; bright sunlight from observers' right.

Distance from bird (how measured): 60 feet (estimated); observed just across river.

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

Describe the bird's overall behavior and demeanor:

This sparrow suddenly appeared from out of dense tangle just above river and began to feed in open area among moss covered rocks associated with other green plants (possibly watercress-?). It feed quietly during period of observation, creeping over vegetation and rocks in search of whatever it was feeding upon. When we moved up stream a bit for a better look it darted back up into the dense tangle whence it first came.

Describe in great detail the bird's size, overall shape, plumage and color-pattern. Include details on shape of bill, wings and tail. Give particular emphasis to the marks you used to identify the bird. Reference to its resemblance in field guide descriptions is not enough. Describe what you actually saw in the field:

A large sparrow (well over six inches), considerably larger than Song Sparrows and one Swamp Sparrow that were also present during period of observation. Bill, dark. Crown, yellowish extending from a short way above bill well over head to the top of nape. Yellowish area of crown bordered by two broad, well-defined black stripes extending from the side of the nape forward through eye and thinly over the bill on the forehead. Face, chin, throat, belly and breast dusky gray. Back, brownish with darkish striping. Wings, brown with two wing stripes. Tail, rather long, brownish-black.

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Describe the bird's song or call, if heard, including method of delivery, i.e., from perch, in flight, etc:

No call or song was heard during period of observation.

Describe the habitat in which you observed this bird:

Along fresh water stream on a bank in damp area with bright green vegetation (water cress-?, mosses, grasses) surrounded by dense tangles of shrubbery and bushes. River lined with good stand of cottonwoods, willows, etc.

How were similarly appearing species eliminated?

White-crowned Sparrow (adult): Prominent pink or yellowish bill and prominently streaked crown of black and white (two black stripes).

White-crowned Sparrow (immature): Has buffy center stripe bordered by brown or brownish black stripes. Whitish stripe above eye. (Black of atricapilla comes through eye). Pinkish or yellowish bill.

White-throated Sparrow (adult): Shorter necked, appearing much chunkier. Has prominent white throat and yellow lores.

White-throated Sparrow (immature): Shorter necked, appearing much chunkier. Has whitish throat. Indistinct streaking on flanks and breast (atricapilla has dusky gray, unmarked breast).

Prior experience with this and similarly appearing species:

Have seen many times in California, Oregon and Washington. Came to my feeder in Seattle.

Books, illustrations and advice consulted and how did these influence this documentation

Birds of North America, Robbins, Bruun, Zim and Singer (supported observation).

This report was written from notes made during X after X observation; from memory _____

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SIGNATURE: Jack Reddall

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