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Golden-crowned Sparrow
COLORADO FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS - SIGHT RECORD FORM

NEW STATE RECORD

UNUSUAL RECORD

Please print or type. Attach photographs and additional pages if necessary.

Species: SEE ATTACHED CBC SHEETS

(Vernacular Name)

(Scientific Name)

Date(s): DECEMBER 22, 1996 - MARCH 1, 1997Number of birds seen: SEE ATTACHED Sex: SEE ATT. Plumage: SEE ATT.Locality: ASPEN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL Elevation: ~ 8,700Nearest town: STUDIES - HALLAM LAKE NATURE PRESERVE
ASPEN, COLORADO County: PITKINTime(s) observed: SEE ATTACHEDDuration of observation (e.g. 1 sec., 5 min., etc.): SEVERAL MINUTES, SEVERAL TIMES
OF 2+ MONTHS

Other observers who saw the bird with you (give names, addresses, telephone numbers):

DALE ABRAMS

LINDA VIDAL

ALAN LEVANTIN

Other observers who saw the bird independently (give names, addresses, telephone numbers): Box 5639 Snowmass Village CO 81615970-923-301

Light conditions (position of bird to light and shade, direction and strength of light):

VARIOUS - FROM FOUR TO EXACT, DAWN TO DUSK
CLEAR TO OVERCAST, ETC.Optical equipment used (e.g. power, types): 7-10 X BINOCULARS MINOLTA
LEITE
ZEISSDistance, and how measured: approximately 10 - 20 feet

If photographed, type of equipment and film: _____

Who else photographed the bird? _____

Describe the bird's behavior (e.g. flying, feeding, or habits used in identifying):

HIDING IN ^{DENSE} SHRUBS, APPEARING PERIODICALLY TO FEED
AT FEEDERS

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

Description (continued):

Describe the bird's song and call, if given, including method of delivery, (i.e. from perch, in flight, duration):

Describe the general and specific habitat in which you observed the bird: A SHRUBBY OPENING IN A BLUE SPRUCE / NARROW-LEAF COTTONWOOD FOREST WITHIN THE HALLAM LAKE NATURE PRESERVE. SEVERAL FEEDERS ARE SUSPENDED BETWEEN THE TREES AND SURROUNDED BY WILLOW.

How did you eliminate similarly appearing species?

ALDERS, SERVICE BERRY & OTHER SHRUBS

What is your prior experience with this and similarly appearing species?

List books, illustrations, recordings, other birders, etc. consulted and how this influenced your identification:

a) at time of observation:

b) after observation:

This report was written from reports made during _____, after observation _____ from memory _____

Date and time report was written: _____

Reporting observer: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Return to:
Bill Prather **BIRDS**
C.F.O. Official Records Committee
13810 WCR 1
Longmont, Colorado 80504

Colorado Birds Records ^{Comm}
c/o Zoological Collection
Denver Museum of Nat
City Park
Denver, CO 80202

Unusual Bird Report Form for Christmas Bird Counts

CBC Name (not bird club name): ASPEN, COLORADO CBC Date: DEC 22, 1996

Species (include number, age, sex etc. as appropriate): ONE GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW - WINTER PLUM

Observer: DALE ABRAMS Other observers who saw bird: LINDA VIDAL
ALAN LEVANTIN

Description (Describe size, color and pattern above and below, head, bill, tail, wings etc. as needed. Use this space for a drawing if helpful. Include photos if available.):

MEDIUM TO LARGE SPARROW
GREY BELOW, BROWN STREAKED ABOVE
PROMINENT WING BARS - GREYISH / BEIGE
THROAT LIGHTER THAN CHEST & SIDES OF NECK
PROMINENT BROWN/BLACK STRIPE ABOVE EYE FROM BEAK
TO BEHIND EYE
BROAD GOLDEN BROWN CROWN STRIPE
BILL GREY TO PINKISH TOP TO BOTTOM

★ SEE ENCLOSED SLIDE

Sounds made, if any:

Conditions of observation (Time of day, weather, duration of observation, distance to bird, optics used, etc.):

VARIOUS CONDITIONS OVER 2 MONTHS FROM CBC THROUGH
EARLY MARCH - GOOD LIGHT AT TIMES

Behavior and Habitat (What was the bird doing while you watched it? What habitat was it in?):

MOVING WITHIN SHRUBS AROUND SECLUDED FEEDERS "SHY", "RETICENT"
ABOUT APPEARING WHEN VIEWERS WERE PRESENT.

Similar Species (What similar species might be in your area in winter? How did you eliminate them from consideration?):

IMMATURE - WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW
BROAD GOLDEN (BROWN) CROWN STRIPE - MORE BROWNISH DURING
CBC BECOMING CLEARLY GOLDEN OVER NEXT TWO MONTHS