

YOUR NAME	Kyle Landstra
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BIRD IDENTIFICATION	One adult Field Sparrow
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	1/19/2023
TIME OF DAY	10:45 AM
LOCATION	Monmouth Sewage Ponds
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	Cool temps in the 40s, overcast slowly letting sunlight in
DETAILS	Lighter rufous cap with greyish line through middle of crown, white eye ring, rufous auricular patch, pink and petite bill
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	No
SIMILAR SPECIES	Ruled out American Tree Sparrow by white eye ring, greyish line through middle of crown, pink bill. Ruled out immature White-crowned sparrow by size, white eye ring, and pink bill. Ruled out Chipping Sparrow by having no dark line through the eye, white eye ring
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	Yes
Thank you for submitting your sighting to the Oregon Bird Records Committee! Is there anything else you would like to add?	Found by Brandon Wagner on 1/17/23. First state record, woohoo!

YOUR NAME	John Rakestraw
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BIRD IDENTIFICATION	Field Sparrow
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	01/24/2023
TIME OF DAY	8:30 AM
LOCATION	Monmouth wastewater treatment plant
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	foggy
DETAILS	The bird was seen low in a tree, on a fence, and feeding on the ground. It was significantly smaller than the adjacent Golden-crowned Sparrows. Slender build with fairly long tail. Face, nape, and underparts pale gray. Solid crown was light rusty color. Upperparts light brown with dark streaks and two white wing bars. Thin but prominent white eye ring. Bill was pale pinkish.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	Frequently seen when I lived in the Midwest
SIMILAR SPECIES	Juvenile White-crowned Sparrow larger and with bolder head markings
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	Yes

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11:15 AM (8 hours ago)



to me, avitours ▾

Thank you for submitting your sighting to the Oregon Bird Records Committee! Below is the information you submitted. The OBRC secretary will contact you shortly.

YOUR NAME	Trent Bray
YOUR EMAIL	avitours@aol.com
BIRD IDENTIFICATION	Field Sparrow
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	Jan 20th, 2023
TIME OF DAY	8:45 AM
LOCATION	Monmouth Waste Water Treatment Ponds, Polk County, creek side in tall weedy grass, and Oregon Grape shrubs.
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	Foggy & overcast, but with good visibility.
DETAILS	Continuing Spizella Sparrow. American Tree or Chipping body, head rufous-crested, clean gray face, bold white eye ring, faint rufous eye line out the back of the eye. Thanks Brandon, et al.! Seen flying & perched for maybe a minute total. Heard several thin, Brewer's Sparrow-like chip notes.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	I have experience with this species from birding trips to Ohio & Michigan.
SIMILAR SPECIES	American Tree or Chipping body, head rufous-crested, clean gray face, bold white eye ring, faint rufous eye line out the back of the eye. American has bicolored bill and marked face. Chipping has dark line out the eye & lore with a different colored cap.
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	No

YOUR NAME	Jack Williamson
YOUR EMAIL	jack.williamson.jr@gmail.com
BIRD IDENTIFICATION	Field Sparrow
DATE(S) OF OBSERVATION	01,23,2023
TIME OF DAY	12:30 PM
LOCATION	Waste Water Treatment Facility, 401 Hogan Rd., Monmouth, Oregon 97361
LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS	Overcast 40 degrees
DETAILS	Observed the sparrow feeding and preening nearby. Crown and back rusty-brown, sides of head light gray. White eye-ring with rusty-brown streak behind eye. Greater and middle wing coverts with two white wing bars. Tail dark brown edged with gray. Underparts were pale gray no streaking. The bill and legs were pink.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES?	No
SIMILAR SPECIES	By close comparison to other sparrows and finches in the area at the time.
DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?	Yes































Field Sparrow photo for rare bird report > Inbox x

Brandon Wagner

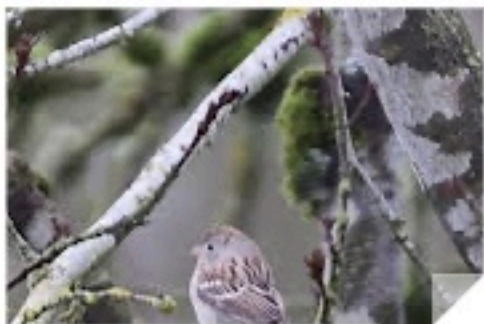
to me ▾

Here is my Field Sparrow photo.

Thanks!

Brandon Wagner

One attachment • Scanned by Gmail ⓘ







FISP-2023-01 (Field Sparrow)

1st round vote — May 8, 2023

Accepted: **9**
Not Accepted: **0**

Accepted, verified

Well documented via photos

No comments

This bird was well studied and photographed by many observers, including myself. Jack Williamson's photos were particularly good. American Tree Sparrow is eliminated by the lack of a dark spot in the middle of the breast. American Tree Sparrows also have more prominent markings in the auricular area and also a prominent rufous patch on the sides of the upper breast.

Overdue state first and an absolute slam dunk in terms of documentation and reports.

Seen and photographed by 100s. Slam-dunk!

No comments

Very well documented first state record. Marvelous photos with no doubt of identification.

Another great find and a very cooperative, long-staying individual. The latest-staying west-coast individual I believe as it continued though at least May 2.

No comments

The all pink bill, rufous cap, rufous and gray facial pattern, white eye ring, and white wing bars rules out other similar sparrows.

No comments