

Species: LARK BUNTING

Record No. 605 - 39 - 06

Location: SADDLE BUTTE, LINN CO.

Date(s): MAY 14, 1939

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes

Specimen no. & location _____

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Not accepted _____

verified _____

origin questionable _____

Single rept. sighting ✓

exotic not estab. _____

Multiple rept. sighting _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File

Duplicate File

Main File _____

details _____

Slide File _____

slides _____

Print File _____

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Tape File _____

tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: _____

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