

Species: LARK BUNTING

Record No. 605-79-01

Location: CAPE BLANCO, CURRY CO.

Date(s): SEPT. 15, 1979

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
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Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 7-0
 verified _____
 Single rept. sighting ✓
 Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
 origin questionable _____
 exotic not estab. _____

Records split _____

Records combined _____

Disposition

Secretary's File _____
 Main File A
 Slide File _____
 Print File _____
 Tape File _____

Duplicate File _____
 details A
 slides _____
 prints _____
 tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: _____

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Details of Sighting

accepted 8-0
1 abs
11-17-79

Species: Lark Bunting Calamospiza melanocorys

No. & Plumage: 2 female or immature

Date: 15 Sept. 1979 10:00 AM

Place: U.S. Coast Guard station, Cape Blanco, Curry Co. Or.

Observers: Tom Lund, Dennis Rogers, and Jim Rogers

Optics: 20x scope on gunstock, binoculars 7x35, and 7x50

Birds were first located by Tom Lund who called us. We shortly found the birds and watched them for about 2-3 minutes with good light, until Tom flushed the birds while photographing them. He took one picture from about 35 ft. which may or may not show critical details.

The birds showed a distinctive white-on-brown face pattern, much brighter than any of the field guides show. They showed extensive white on the secondary wing feathers. The breast was buffy, overlaid with darker brown streakings. No other distinctive plumage patterns were noted.

All these field marks leave no doubt in my mind to the identification of Lark Bunting. Hopefully photographs will document this unusual sighting.

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photos were poor -
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