

Species: LARK BUNTING
 Record No. 605-83-05

Location: MILLER ISLAND WMA, KLAMATH CO.

Date(s): AUG. 30-31, 1983

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>STEVE SUMMERS</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B-C</u>		

Specimen no. & location _____

Accepted 9-0
 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 B-C
 Print File _____
 Tape File _____

Duplicate File
 details A
 slides B-C
 prints _____
 tapes _____

Date observer(s) notified: _____

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RECORDS COMMITTEE
REPORT FORM

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This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print or type. Attach drawings, photographs, etc.; include all photos if an obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to the Secretary of the Oregon Records Committee.

1. Common and scientific name: Lark Bunting Calamospiza melanocorys
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g. 2 ad. ♂ in breeding plumage): 1 ♀
3. Locality: Klamath Co.; Klamath Wildlife area (southern end), Miller Is.; elevation: 4100'
4. Date(s) when seen: 30-31 August 1983
5. Times of day when seen: 1840 hrs (30th); 0945 hrs (31st)
6. Reporting observer and address: Steve Summers, 1009 Merryman Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97603
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird:
none
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird:
none
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): 30th sky clear, sun low but light good, bird in and out of shade.
31st mostly cloudy but bright light.
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
10x40 binoculars
11. Distance to bird: 30ft.
12. Duration of observation: 3-4 mins (30th), 2 mins (31st)
13. Habitat (general and specific):
Dirt road surrounded by fields of grass, low bushes and sedge marshes.

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): feeding, flying.
on ground

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; shape; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks):

Overall appearance: that of a large, plump sparrow, plumaged somewhat reminiscent of a ♀ purple finch.

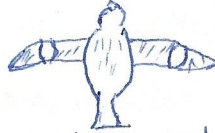
Head: grayish-brown with a white superciliary and malar region, prominent black "whiskers" present.

Back: streaked with a brownish background.

Tail: grayish-brown showing whitish edges to outer tail feathers in flight. Short proportionately to the body.

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Wings: a horizontal white wing patch present when at rest. In flight the white patch appeared as a vertical bar through the wing. →



Underparts: whitish with fine dark streaking throughout.

Bill: silvery-gray, a very heavy - "grosbeak-like" - bill, very broad at the base vertically, probably as broad at the base as long.

16. Voice: none heard

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations):

purple finch ♀: lacks white in wing and black whiskers, longer tailed slighter beaked.

On a bird of this type the large white wing patch, silvery-gray grosbeak-like bill, prominent black whiskers and short tailed appearance eliminates all but the Lark Bunting.

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):

yes, attached. Photos taken 8/30.
- poor

19. Previous experience with this species: yes, in Nebraska, Arizona, California, Mexico

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc. used in identification

a) at time of observation:
standard field guides

b) after observation:
Birds of Canada

21. This description written from: ___ notes made during observation; X notes made after observation; ___ memory. X photos

22. Are you positive of your identification? yes. If not, explain:

23. Signature of reporter: Steven D. Summers

24. Date and time of writing this account:
9/9/83

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