

Species: Mc COWN'S LONGSPUR

Record No. 539-76-01

Location: <sup>20 MI.</sup> E. OF BURNS, HARNEY CO.

Date(s): AUG. 8, 1976

Observers	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>CHARICE WATSON</u>	<u>A</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 \_\_\_\_\_

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tapes \_\_\_\_\_

Date observer(s) notified: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aug. 13, 1976

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539-76-011A  
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hypothetical.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I wish to report the citing of a McCown's Longspur in Oregon on Aug. 8, 1976. It was a male bird, in breeding plumage, seen in an alfalfa field between Drinkingwater Pass and Stinking Water Pass on Highway 20 east of Burns. I first saw it when it flew and the gray hind neck and black and white tail attracted my attention. It landed on the top part of an alfalfa plant about 100 feet away and stayed for several minutes before it flew away. I viewed it with 10 x 40 binoculars during that time and the following field marks were noted: black cap, white face and throat, gray hind neck, rusty patch at wing bend, brown striped back and the black and white tail. Could not see the belly and breast because of foliage. Other birds in the area were young meadowlarks and blackbirds -- also feeding in the field. The day was cloudy and it was in the early afternoon when we saw it. My husband, Don, also saw the bird, though for only a short time (he used my binoculars). He especially noted the tail pattern.

Yours truly,  
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