

CBC name Kanab, Utah CBC date 12/17/87 Compiler Mike NoelObserver writing this account and date Steve Hedges 12/21/87SPECIES Swamp Sparrow NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1 adultDistance from bird(s) 10-20 ft. Relative size of bird size + shape of Song SparrowHEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)  
Crown dark brown with gray median stripe, gray supercilium,  
checks gray & only slightly darker than median stripe & superciliumEYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) eye black, no  
eye ringUPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES brownLEGS & FEET medium brownUPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.) back brown  
with lighter longitudinal streaking on upper back.  
Rump brown.UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) throat  
whitish, breast gray with a slightly darker smudge  
in center (not a distinct spot). A few brown streaks on sides.  
Belly white.RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)  
tail brown, medium length (similar to song sparrow).WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.) coverts & secondaries rufous, Scapulars &  
primaries brown.VOCALIZATION call note a soft "chee"BEHAVIOR first observed calling from limb in small tree. Flew song  
sparrow-like to nearby fence where it sat for 30-40 seconds,  
then flew to cattails & down to ground, did not reappear.Date of observation 12/17/87 Time 1500 Weather snow flurries Sky cover overcastDuration of observation 2 min. Bird - Sun orientation no sunExact location cattail marsh adjacent to Kanab Creek about 1/2 mi. south of  
Kanab.Habitat cattail marsh Other observers noneOptical equipment 7 x 35 binocs.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ID based on voice, rufous wings, & unstreaked  
underparts. Lincoln Sparrow is similar but lacks rufous wings,  
has a proportionally shorter tail, & usually has some streaking on breast.

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