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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES AND/OR SPECIES IN HIGH NUMBERS

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 immatureDistance from bird(s) 10-30 ft. Relative size of bird song sparrow - size & shape

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.)

head brown with dark brown crown & gray median line. Thin brown posterior eye line. Faint brown malar stripe. Cheek not distinctly darker than supercilium.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)

eye black, no eyeringUPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES light brownLEGS & FEET light brown

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

dark brown with some light brown longitudinal streaking on upper back.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)

light gray breast, unstreaked except for a few faint light brown streaks on sides. white belly

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.)

dark brown, medium length (similar to song sparrow), rounded at tip.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading and trailing edges, etc.)

mostly brown except for coverts and base of secondaries which were rufous.VOCALIZATION call note a soft "sip"BEHAVIOR very secretive. Spent most of time sulking on ground in cattails. Briefly observed calling from top of cattail before flying into cover. Flight similar to song sparrow - pumped tailDate of observation 12/17/87 Time 1430 Weather snow flurries Sky cover overcastDuration of observation 2-3 min. Bird - Sun orientation no sunExact location cattail marsh adjacent to Kanab Creek, 1 mi. S. of Kanab.Habitat cattail marsh Other observers noneOptical equipment 7x35 binocs.ADDITIONAL COMMENTS first attracted to bird by unusual call. ID based on voice, rufous wings, & unstreaked underparts. Only similar species is Lincoln sparrow, which lacks rufous wing, has

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shorter tail, usually has some streaking on upper breast, & has darker cheek patch.