COMMON NAME: **Field Sparrow**

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Spizella pusilla*

DATE: JAN. 9, 1999  TIME: 1:20 P.M.  LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 30-45 SEC.

NUMBER: 1  AGE: Adult  SEX: Unknown

LOCATION: EAST OF LINNON BOAT HARBOUR, N.E. EDGE OF UT. LAKE

LATILONG: #6 (40°15' 111°44' W approx.)  ELEVATION: approx. 4500'

DISTANCE TO BIRD: 25-30 FEET

WEATHER: Cold (35-40°)

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Clear

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BIRD: Sparrow-sized, slightly smaller than Tree Sparrow. Distinct eye ring white. Bill was light colored (pinkish-yellow). Both upper and lower mandibles. Crown was rust colored diffused with small amount of gray. Face was gray with no post ocular stripe. Belly, breast & flanks were grayish-white with no central breast spot.

I did not see the back until it flew away, but it was streaked with lighter dark stripes.

The bird was not as richly colored (grayer overall) as the Tree Sparrow. Provided a good comparison.
SONG OR CALL AND METHOD OF DELIVERY: Trip, but not sure if it came from this sparrow or 2 tree sparrows with it in same small tree.

BEHAVIOR: Perched on limb, feathers fluffed out to insulate from cold probably. Then unfuffled the feathers about 5 sec. Before it flew away.

HABITAT: Weedy and brushy under tall cottonwood trees. It was perched in a small Russian olive tree on a bank east of above a stream.

SIMILAR SPECIES AND HOW WERE THEY ELIMINATED: Not a tree sparrow because two were there (one in the same view field) to compare it with.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND SIMILAR SPECIES: Have seen this species in New Jersey
Have seen tree sparrows almost every winter in ut. county.

REFERENCES CONSULTED:
  Peterson's Field Guide to Western Birds, National Geographic Society's Birds of North America, 2nd Ed., & The Sparrows of the United States & Canada by Rose.

DESCRIPTION FROM: NOTES TAKEN AT TIME OF SIGHTING, NOTES MADE LATER
FROM MEMORY X

OBSERVER: MERRILL WEBB
SIGNATURE: Merrill Webb

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OTHER OBSERVERS WHO INDEPENDENTLY IDENTIFIED THIS BIRD: None (on that day), but about 20-25 on day following.

DATE PREPARED: Dec. 10, 1999

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: PHOTO, DRAWING, TAPE, OTHER

RETURN THIS FORM TO: UTAH ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
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