

Long Point Bird Observatory Rare Bird Report Form

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In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be confirmed for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the LPBO Program Coordinator and in the Long Point Area Checklist found in *A Birding Guide to Long Point Area*. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature.

PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: Eurasian Tree Sparrow

No. of birds: 1

Age: AHY - juvenile and adults have a complete first basic molt, which make the bird unreliably aged in May.

Sex: UNKNOWN. Pyle indicates under the Sex section: female wing (n62) 65-71mm. Male wing (n89) 67-74; tl (n20) 57-66). Wing was length 69mm, which is intermediate

Date(s): May 19, 2014

Place: Long Point Bird Observatory - Tip Research Station

Time(s) of Observation: 12:00

Who first saw the bird(s): Richard Dobbins

Who first identified it: Mick J. Townsend

Other observers (names and addresses): Dayna L. LeClair, Mick J. Townsend

Any who disagree: No

Your previous experience with the species: I have no previous experience. Richard is from Whales UK and Mick is from Leistershire UK where the bird is quite common.

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly:

(b) Same day: House Sparrow

Species present for comparison: none

Which were beside it for comparison:

Distance from observer(s): in the hand

How measured:

Optical aids used:**Weather conditions (at time of observation)****Visibility:****Cloud Cover:** 0**Lighting:** Bright**Wind direction and speed:****Circumstances:**

Richard Dobbins stepped in the banding lab to band a few birds at the end of our standard migration-monitoring period. He took the bird out of the bird bag and noticed the chestnut crown, white cheek and black ear patch. Mick was in the lab and identified the bird. Richard and I consulted Sibley's and further confirmed the identification of the bird.

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions. Include reasons for the elimination of other species.



Picture 1. Chestnut crown with white cheek and black ear patch.



Picture 2. Eurasian Tree Sparrow, May 19, 2014, Tip Research Station.

Photo Credit : Dayna LeClair

Did you refer to any guides/other literature:

(a) at the time: Identification Guide to the Birds of North America, National Geographic, Sibley

(b) afterwards:

Finally, is this record 100% certain?

Yes

Signed:

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