

LATE RECORD OF LE CONTE'S SPARROW IN FLORIDA

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A single female specimen of Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*) was collected on 6 May 2001 at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. This specimen (USNM 626515, Tissue # B16645, Field # BKS5482) was obtained from a grassy field on the C-52 North Bombing Range (30°34'37"N, 86°19'54"W) of Eglin Air Force Base, Walton County, Florida. The specific field and preparation notes are as follows: weight 10.3 grams; ovary 3.5 × 2 mm (granular); skull 100% pneumatized; no bursa; seeds in stomach; brown iris; gray bill with black culmen; tan legs; trace body molt. Tissue and gut samples were saved cryogenically. The specimen was prepared as a study skin with a spread wing and is stored at the National Museum of Natural History (USNM), Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

According to reports in Stevenson and Anderson (1994), this represents the latest spring specimen record for Florida. Previous records include reports without specimen verifications in Manatee County on April 26 and May 3, 1925 (Howell 1932) and Dixie County on 5 May 1992 (Stevenson and Anderson 1994). According to Ogden (1971), a reported record of 12 May 1967 (Crawford 1981) was re-examined and identified as a Sharp-tailed Sparrow (*Ammodramus caudacutus*). However, that specimen was not saved or was possibly destroyed by insects (Stevenson and Anderson 1994, R. Crawford pers. comm. 2001).

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