

The Sharp-tailed Sparrows of Maryland.—Since announcement of the first capture of Nelson's sparrow in Maryland¹ we have devoted further attention to the marsh sparrows of the genus *Ammospiza*, taking specimens as opportunity offered. Recent examination of this accumulated material indicates that all four races of *Ammospiza caudacuta* at present recognized are represented by birds secured in Maryland as indicated below.

Ammospiza caudacuta caudacuta. One was taken at Cornfield Harbor on the Potomac River, one mile above Point Lookout where the river joins Chesapeake Bay, on September 23, 1928, and another on October 13, 1929. Others were secured at Ocean City on December 3, 1926, and April 29, 1929. This must be a common migrant at the proper season.

Ammospiza caudacuta subvirgata. A male was secured at Cornfield Harbor October 13, 1929, and a female near Ocean City, on the Atlantic coast, November 9, 1929. This is the first report of this race for the state of Maryland, though it is unquestionably of regular passage in migration. The specimen from Cornfield Harbor is of note as this is an inland locality.

Ammospiza caudacuta nelsoni. We recorded this inland form first near Ocean City, Maryland on October 6, 1928, and at Cornfield Harbor, October 14, 1928. At the latter locality we collected additional specimens on October 4, and 11, 1931. This bird is of regular occurrence in fall in the salt water marches, and should occur there also in spring.

Ammospiza caudacuta diversa. Dr. Oberholser² has indicated that this race, described by Bishop from Wanchese, North Carolina, is a valid form and includes the breeding birds of Maryland. We have collected it at Ocean City, Maryland, August 13 and 14, 1926, October 6, 1928, and April 29 and November 9, 1929; at Cornfield Harbor, July 21 and October 14, 1928, October 13, 1929, September 28, 1930, and October 4, 1931; and at Chesapeake Beach July 4, 1929.—ALEXANDER WETMORE and FREDERICK C. LINCOLN, *Washington, D. C.*

Western Field Sparrow in Northwestern Montana.—The breeding range of the Western Field Sparrow (*Spizella pusilla arenacea*) is described by the new A. O. U. 'Check-List' as "the Upper Austral Zone from south-eastern Montana and south-western North Dakota to central Nebraska." In his list of Montana birds (Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 14, 1921, p. 124), Aretas A. Saunders cites only three records of this species from the state, all from the southeastern plains district. Thus the following records show its occurrence far from its normal range and habitat.

Our ranch is situated in a small, forested mountain valley in extreme northwestern Montana, near Fortine, sixteen miles south of the Canadian border. Here on July 15, 1923, a solitary male Western Field Sparrow appeared; it was observed on the three following days, and on the 22nd, after which it disappeared. It sang frequently each day it was seen, and this action helped to make identification certain.

¹ Auk, 1929, p. 243.

² Auk, 1931, pp. 610-611.