

Although I was not able to return to the scene before being transferred from Zion Park, this observation of one singing adult and another carrying nesting material offer good evidence of nesting. The habitat, too, is typical of Rufous-crowned Sparrow nesting grounds. The elevation is about 4,200 feet. Huge sandstone boulders dominate the seven degree slope where *Pinus monophylla*, *Juniperus osteosperma*, and *Quercus gambellii* are common. The heavy patches of grasses that occurred there were under study as a choice "relict grassland" by LaMar Mason and James Carley of the Soil Conservation Service. Mason's identifications of the major grasses on the site include needle-and-thread (*Stipa comata*) as the dominant grass, while Indian rice grass (*Oryzopsis hymenoides*), black grama (*Bouteloua eriopeda*), and mutton grass (*Poa fendleri*) were abundant.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE XV INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The International Ornithological Committee decided, at the close of the XIV International Congress, that the next Congress would be held in the Netherlands in 1970 and appointed Professor N. Tinbergen as President. The Netherlands members of the International Ornithological Committee elected Professor K. H. Voous as Secretary-General and formed a Netherlands Executive Congress Committee.

The International Committee accepted the Dutch proposal that the date of the Congress would fall within the first week of September, as it was feared that appropriate accommodation would not be obtainable earlier in the summer months. No major ornithological excursions will be organized, but in the middle of the congress week a variety of one-day excursions will be held. After full consideration the Netherlands Executive Congress Committee decided that the XV International Congress would be held at 's-Gravenhage (The Hague), with the provisional date: 30 August-5 September 1970.

Applications for membership in the Congress will be accepted until 4 months before the opening date of the Congress, viz. till 1 May 1970. Applications for presenting papers and for arranging "Specialists Meetings" should reach the Secretary-General not later than 1 April 1969.

Further information regarding the Congress can be obtained from The Secretary-General, XV International Congress, c/o Burgemeester de Monchyplein 14, The Hague, Netherlands.
