



Clay-colored Sparrows, Chicago's Lakefront, 21 Dec. 1996. Photo by Eric Walters.

Later Robert Hughes, James Landing, Eric Walters, and other birders saw two Clay-colored Sparrows at this location. On 22 December 1996 during the Chicago Urban Christmas Bird Count, I photographed the two Clay-colored Sparrows together in one of the crabapple trees north of the tennis courts. These two birds were last seen by Steve Bailey on 18 January 1997 at this same location.

Illinois' only other winter record was one photographed by Jim Surman at a feeder in Bensenville, Du Page County on 30 January 1983 (an unpublished but accepted IORC record #1983.011).

Winter records of Clay-colored Sparrow in the Midwest are quite unusual. Minnesota had one record (Janssen 1987). Wisconsin had two records (Ficken and Gustafson 1996; Knickelbine 1995). Indiana had two records (Mumford and Keller 1984) and Missouri had two records (Robbins and Easterla 1991). In the appropriate season, the Clay-colored Sparrow is an occasional Illinois migrant, and a very rare breeding species near Rockford at the state's northern edge (Bohlen 1989).

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~ Corrigenda ~

Red-necked Grebe in Champaign County

Recently Elizabeth J. Chato reported a Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*) from Champaign, Illinois. Although she reported this as "...new record for Champaign County ..." (p. 137), it is really a second record. As a student at the University of Illinois (Urbana), I was shown many study specimens to examine as part of the late Dr. S. Charles Kendeigh's ornithology class. One of these was of an immature male Red-necked Grebe collected at Urbana, Illinois by Frank Smith, late professor of zoology at the University of Illinois (Urbana), on 21 February 1904. It is Z 1961 in the zoological collection at the University of Illinois.

I first reported this record in "The Audubon Bulletin" (1957). It was subsequently cited by H. David Bohlen

in *An annotated check-list of the Birds of Illinois* (1978). It was used as basic documentation for this species.

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