

10 October 1971. One adult. IL. Lake Co., Ela Road northeast of Barrington. Alone. "An adult bird at Ela. Dusky flight feathers, white wing linings. Underparts unstreaked. Grayish tail with a noticeable dark terminal band. It was carrying a very large prey, apparently heavy enough so that its legs were hanging down somewhat. As if it were not enough to sight this very rare hawk, a Peregrine Falcon appeared and made two easy swoops at the Swainson's. With the second swoop, both birds disappeared below the tree line. They were at a distance of several hundred yards. Very remarkable sighting of two really great birds for the area."

## Black-necked Stilt

7 September 1968. One. IL., Cook Co., Chicago, Lake Calumet. With Joel Greenberg. No description. CTC saw it again on 8 September 1968 with Charles and Lorraine Westcott.

## Lark Bunting

16 May 1971. One male. IL., Cook Co., Evanston, Northwestern University. With Vernon Kleen, Larry Balch, Jeff Sanders, Joel Greenberg, Bill Tweit. "Male at NW. Almost typical adult male plumage except a fair amount of white on the under tail coverts. The bill, unlike plates in books, was of two tones: upper mandible blackish, lower one light in tone. What a find!"

## House Finch

1 October 1972. One female. IL., Cook Co., Chicago, Lincoln Park Sanctuary. With Jeff Sanders; met Ted and Holly Nork (who apparently did not see the House Finch). "About eye-high in an open bush, about 15 feet away. I 'shushed' and it turned its head to one side to look at me. The bird was in light shade. For a split second I thought Purple Finch, but there was no whitish eye line on the head and I immediately thought House Finch. The bill was shorter than a Purple Finch's and more rounded. This was quite apparent. I kept on 'shushing' lightly and the bird turned around to face me. The underparts (throat, breast, and sides) were streaked. I saw it for about 15-20 seconds. Then it flew up higher, out of sight. I turned and

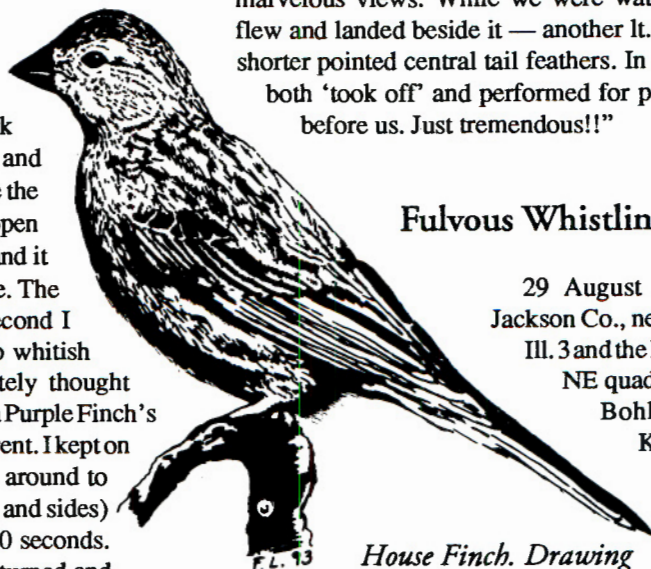
called Jeff who was about 20 yards away. We searched all over but could not find it again. So we split up so we could search more effectively. About 5 minutes later I then turned and ran to get Jeff. We ran back. I could not find it but Jeff says he got a brief view of it. Before I went for Jeff I saw: no line on the head but there was a faint light area on the head where a Purple Finch's line would terminate posteriorly; somewhat blurry streaking on the underparts, and possibly a grayish rump (very momentary view). If not for the obligation to get Jeff, I would have had a very good and important study of this bird." (In footnotes, CTC explains that the two sightings may not have been the same bird, the first being seen opposite the south end of the sanctuary and the second at the northeastern corner; the second time, the bird was "in sunlight; a side view only, about 50 feet.") In his notes for 8 October, CTC wrote: "Bob Blake let me come in to the Field Museum to check House and Purple Finch skins. The difference in the bills, as described 10/1 is quite apparent in most skins. The blank face is striking. I am sure I saw a female House Finch in spite of the following: I forgot about the mustache mark in the Purple Finch, so I did not note the lack of it on this bird. I also forgot about the less notched tail; did not check this characteristic."

## Parasitic Jaeger

15 October 1972. Two adult light morphs. IL. Cook Co., Glencoe beach at Park Ave. With Larry Balch and Jerry Rosenband. "Jerry spotted a Parasitic Jaeger on the water there, ad. lt. phase. With his Questar at 80X we had marvelous views. While we were watching it, another flew and landed beside it — another lt. phase adult with shorter pointed central tail feathers. In a short time they both 'took off' and performed for perhaps 5 minutes before us. Just tremendous!!"

## Fulvous Whistling Duck

29 August 1974. One. IL., Jackson Co., near intersection of Ill. 3 and the Big Muddy River. NE quadrant. With David Bohlen and Vernon Kleen. "About 3/8 mile distant, 35 - 40 X



*House Finch. Drawing by Francia Lindon*