

occasions and carefully noted certain diagnostic marks. We believe it was a female, since we could see no chestnut on the lesser wing coverts.

Spiza americana has not heretofore been reported from central Oklahoma in winter. There are four other winter records for the state, all for northeastern counties—two for Tulsa County (14 November 1969 to 25 March 1970; 27 December 1970), one for Washington County (1-8 February 1966), and one for Muskogee County (7 January 1973); each of these records was of a single bird (Sutton, 1974, A check-list Oklahoma birds, Stovall Mus. Sci. & Hist., Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, p. 42).—Patricia Bergey, *Route 1, Box 151 B, Norman, Oklahoma 73069, 9 April 1975.*

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