



# New Mexico Ornithological Society

## Bird Records Committee Submittal Form

### New Mexico Rare/Unusual Bird Report

This form is intended as a guide in reporting observations of unusual birds. It may be used flexibly and need not be used at all. Leave blank any details not observed. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please print in black ink or send electronically. Attach available drawings, photographs (electronic, or slides, prints, video), copies of field notes, etc.; include **all** photos of obscurely marked species.

1. Common or scientific name: McCown's Longspur
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 ad. males in breeding plumage):  
1 in winter plumage
3. Locality (include County and distance from nearest named town): Sierra County Arrey was the nearest town
4. Date(s) when seen:
5. Time(s) of day when seen: 3:00 pm
- 6: Reporting observer (include middle initial, address, and e-mail address): Roger Moyer  
[rogermoyer1@hotmail.com](mailto:rogermoyer1@hotmail.com)
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird: Mark Pendleton, Wayne ???
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird: N/A
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):  
Sunny and clear
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): 8x42 Binoculars
11. Distance to bird: 100 ft

12. Duration of observation: 1 minute

13. Habitat (general and specific): alfa alfa stubble field

14. Behavior (flying, feeding, resting, etc.; include and stress any habits used in identification): Flying

15. Description (Include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen. Include if possible: total length; body bulk; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; color and pattern of plumage, etc. Stress field marks): Distinct white tail pattern of McCown's Longspur.

16. Voice:N/A

17. Similar species (include how they are eliminated by your observations): Chestnut-collard Longspur. The white on the tail was greater than the Chestnut sided Longspur plus the habitat wasn't correct for the Chestnut sided Longspur

18. Photographs (Was it photographed? By whom? Attached?):N/A

19. Previous experience with this species: Seen several times before.

20. Aids: List books, illustrations, birders, etc., used in identification a) at time of observation; b) after observation: Sibley Eastern US & National Geographic

21. This description written from: notes made during observation; notes made after observation; memory. After observation and from Memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes

23. Signature of reporter, along with date and time of writing of this account.  
Roger Moyer 1/21/15

It is emphasized that a request for documentation is not an affront, but is an effort to substantiate a record by obtaining concrete evidence which may be permanently preserved for all to evaluate.