

SPANISH SPARROW *Passer hispaniolensis*

Travniški vrabec – dne 24.10.2007 opažen 1 osebek v družbi z dvema domačima vrabcema na otoku Šolti (UTM XJ00, Dalmacija, Hrvaška)

The plumage of Spanish Sparrows changes in autumn, making it easy for the observer to confuse them with House Sparrows *Passer domesticus*. In the central and southern areas of Dalmatia, they can join House Sparrow flocks and overwinter together [LUKAČ, G. (2004): About the widening of the range and the status of the Spanish Sparrow (*Passer hispaniolensis*) in Croatia at the beginning of the 21st century. – Paklenički zbornik 2: 113–122]. We observed House Sparrows in varying numbers in all human settlement on the island of Šolta, between 24 and 27 Oct 2007. They were present in higher numbers especially at Gornje Selo and Grohote, Srednje Selo and near Donje Selo, on the edge of “Šoltansko polje” field. On 24 Oct 2007, we approached the cistern in the “Šoltansko polje” field from the graveyard of Donje Selo (XJ00), and saw a male Spanish Sparrow in the roadside thicket, in the company of two House Sparrows. This individual was not seen during the subsequent days. There had been no earlier data on the occurrence of Spanish Sparrow on the island of Šolta [SUŠIĆ, G., PALLAORO, A., RADOVIĆ, D. & STIPČEVIĆ, M. (1990): Ptice otoka Šolte. Pp. 107–111. In: MIHOVILOVIĆ, M.A. *et al.* (eds): Otok Šolta: monografija. – Mladost, Zagreb]. Moreover, an observation in October is important in that the recorded bird could be an overwintering individual.