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BLACK-THROATED SPARROW BANDED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA
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On 20 December 1997, I banded a Black-throated Sparrow in the vicinity of 43rd and J Streets in South Omaha, Nebraska. The band number on this bird is 2120/83856. It was an AHY-Male and, according to the description given by James D. Rising in his book, A Guide to the Identification and Natural History of the Sparrows of the United States and Canada, it was of the subspecies *Amphispiza b. bilineata*. This is the smallest of the three races found in the United States and it is indigenous to central Texas. Besides the smaller size, the identifying field mark is the greater amount of white found in the outer tail feathers. One of the accompanying photographs of this bird shows this field mark very clearly.

This is the second Black-throated Sparrow to be banded in Nebraska, both in the Omaha area, and the fourth sighting record for the state.



Photographs of the Black-throated Sparrow banded in Omaha, NE. Note the leg band and the tail pattern in the photo on the right. The photos were provided by Raymond C. Korpi, 1106 Bea Circle, Bellevue, NE 68005.