

# **Banding Report for Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*)**

4/3/99 at Amistad NRA

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On 4/03/99, an attempt was made to develop a training event for new bird banding volunteers at Amistad NRA. Eight nets were opened in the reservoir inundation zone (grassland) of the reservoir, approximately 200 meters southwest of the San Pedro campground (figure 1). Due to poor planning, only one bird was banded during this activity. Nets were operated for 2 hours and then closed. Ten volunteers were trained in net placement and takedown activities.

The bird captured during the activity was a Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*). Information on the bird is listed below in table 1.

Table 1. Banding data on the Vesper Sparrow captured on 4/3/99.

| bandnumb   | spcd | aou  | yr   | mo | day | sex | age | howage | birdstat | location |
|------------|------|------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----------|----------|
| 1671-28601 | VESP | 5400 | 1999 | 4  | 3   | 0   | 5   | P      | 300      | AMIS454  |

Sex: 0 = unknown. Age: 5 = second year. Howage: P = plumage.

Latitude for this location is (29,27,45) and longitude for this location is (100,57,05). The banding location was estimated as 14 km west of Del Rio, TX.



Figure 1. The banding location for this training activity occurred approximately 200 meters southwest of the San Pedro campground site (310654 E, 3261187 N) in the inundation zone of the Amistad reservoir.