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June 21, 1805. "There is also a species of Lark, much resembling the Old Field Lark, with a yellow breast and a black spot on the croup. The beak is somewhat larger and more curved, and the notes differ considerably."

Personally, I am always very eager to first hear that seven to 10 note call. Without fail, it reminds me that Old Man Winter may be as tired of us as we are him. Much like bulbs poking their heads out in the spring, margaritas on the deck in the summer, a harvest moon in the fall, and crock-pot meals in the winter, I have come to depend on the Western Meadowlark's beloved call for encouragement, fun, contemplation and comfort.

It would be a shame if we let our state bird ever decline to a level where we here in on the east side of the state are left to remark how we miss hearing the once familiar call of the Western Meadowlark.

## **Tweets from the Nest:**

The Great Backyard Bird Count - Feb. 13-16 Register online at: BirdCount.org

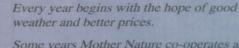




Photo by Eden Taylor The JV boys won in Ontario 52-29 on Feb. 3, but lost to La Grande in Baker 34-79 on Feb. 6. Grant Berry, #23, is taking a shot over Ontario.



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