

Areas less than 100yd from trees, treelines, or other tall structures are not suitable nesting habitat.



Gravel road shoulders and field margins with low, sparse vegetation provide likely lark nesting sites.



Mudflats and other drowned out areas can provide nesting sites in the springtime when these areas are dried out, leaving open areas with sparse vegetation.



Open fencerows with low, sparse vegetation are ideal for lark nesting habitat, unlike fencerows with trees or bushes.



The Streaked Horned Lark nests on the ground in areas with low, sparse vegetation within open landscapes of 300 acres or more.



MEET THE STREAKED HORNED LARK

The Streaked Horned Lark is a small ground-dwelling bird with a brown back, a black mask, and yellow and white markings on its head, plus a couple small feathers or 'horns' which earn it the name.

Streaked Horned Larks nest in the spring and summer on Willamette Valley farmlands. They prefer open, disturbed landscapes and tend to nest in field edges, dried mudflats, gravel roads, grazed pastures or fallow fields.

WHAT KIND OF HABITAT DOES THE STREAKED HORNED LARK PREFER?

The Streaked Horned Lark nests on the ground in sites with low, sparse vegetation. Historically, this type of habitat was found in prairies in western Oregon and Washington, usually after disturbances such as flooding or fire. Today in the Willamette Valley, the Streaked Horned Lark nests and winters in native prairies, agricultural fields, sparsely vegetated edges of grass seed fields, bare ground, gravel roads and shoulders and other similar areas.

ABOUT THE LARK PARTNERSHIP

The Lark Partnership is a group of agencies and organizations

working to develop funds and voluntary incentive programs to help land managers, including farmers, enhance nesting habitat for the Steaked Horned Lark.

Potential management opportunities for farmers include:

- ✓ Management of field borders and corners
- ✓ Road shoulders and access roads
- ✓ Drown out / mudflat management
- ✓ Late-season tillage management
- ✓ ...and more

WHY THE STREAKED HORNED LARK?

In October 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Streaked Horned Lark as threatened under

the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Under the threatened listing, a special rule exempts farmers from ESA violations when performing agricultural operations in areas where the lark is found. However, the continued loss of breeding habitat is pushing this bird closer to extinction. The Lark Partnership is seeking opportunities to reverse the decline because an endangered listing would eliminate the special rule.

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HELP

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The Lark Partnership is working to develop funds and voluntary incentive programs to help farmers enhance nesting habitat on private agricultural lands.

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