

PENNSYLVANIA ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE
2469 Hammertown Road
Narvon, PA 17555

June, 11, 1996

Robert Friederman
P.O. Box 159
Kinterville, PA 18930

Dear Bob,

Thank you for submitting details on the Lark Sparrow you saw in Durham Township, Bucks County on 1 October 1994 to P.O.R.C. After careful review, we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee would have preferred a more detailed description of the head pattern of the bird such as whether or not the bird had chestnut ear coverts or lateral crown stripes. This does not mean of course, that the bird was not a Lark Sparrow, merely, that the details did not allow for a concrete determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Pulcinella
Chairman

Record # 820-02-1994

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18 January 1995 PORC

Bob Friederman

Kintersville

Lark sparrow seen 10/1/94 Sex-? Age-?

Durham Twp. - Lehnberg Rd. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Route 611

Distance from bird approx. 40 ft. through picture window.

Size - similar to song sparrows who were nearby.

Crown - faint white stripe - top

Nape - grayish brown

eyebrow - light brown to gray - white under eye

Mandibles - gray

Lores - white to gray

throat - grayish white with medium brown patches

whisker area - medium brown patches.

Nape - grayish brown

breast - light brown with white, & with medium brown spot.

Rump - brown

Tail - outer feathers white toward lower end of wings - I did not see the bird in flight.

first seen on post 40 ft from house. Next seen in clump of birch trees. Area is lawn and horse pasture.

Day was clear. Seen at 11:00 AM for approx. 3-4 minutes with Bush + Lomb Custom binoculars (10x40)

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Voting Tabulation - Round # 2 of 2

Species: **Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus)**

Date of Sighting: **1 October 1994 to 1 October 1994**

Location: **DURHAM TWP**

County: **BUCKS**

Observer(s): **Bob Friedermann**

Date of Submission: **1994**

Submitted by: **Bob Friedermann**

Written Description: **YES** Photo: **NO** Specimen: **NO**

Recording: **NONE**

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
					A	B	C	
F. Haas				X				
N. Pulcinella				X				
E. Kwater							X	
R. Ickes				X				
G. McWilliams				X				
P. Schwalbe			X					
S. Feldstein							X	
TOTALS			1	4			2	
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. C. Haas

Date:

5-1-96

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S. Feldstein			X					
TOTALS			4	2			1	
DECISION			X					

Comments: Send for second round.

Signature (Secretary): *J. Chase*

Date: 9-19-95