









Species (common & scientific): Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)
Number of Individuals: 1 **Sex(es):** ?
Age(s) & Plumage(s): adult
Date Seen: 10/14/06 and 10/17/06 **Time:** between 9-11am
Where Seen (Town/County): Pineville, Bucks County
Exact Location: Maple Knoll Farms, 5388 Ridge Rd. New Hope, Pa. 1.5 miles N/E of Pineville.

Observer Reporting:

Name: Richard, Vicky and Hannah Smith
Address: 5388 Ridge Rd. New Hope, Pa. 18938
E-mail: mkfsmith@verizon.net
Telephone (optional):
Other Observers (Only those who saw & identified the bird with you): Devich Farbotnik, August and Judy Mirabella on the 17th.

Distance to Bird: 25-100 feet

Viewing Conditions (Sky, weather, position of sun relative to you): Sun on the 14th at our backs, cloudy and light rain on the 17th
Optical Equipment Used: 10X50 binocs and spotting scope

Habitat: Weedy thicket along a minor waterway with fields on either side.

Description: Sparrow, larger and whiter than house sparrows it was with. Plain, white breast with spot, dark throat stripe, distinct face pattern.

Behavior (Be as specific as possible about what the bird was doing): Bird was hanging out with other sparrows, eating weed seeds. Grooming also observed.

Vocalizations: None heard

Supporting Evidence if Any (include with report):

Photo: Yes - Attached

Name, Address, e-mail, telephone (optional) of photographer, etc. Hannah L. Smith, 5388 Ridge Rd. New Hope, Pa. 18938

Separation from Similar Species (How you eliminated others): Distinct white breast with spot and facial markings

Discussion (Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it): Shared our initial sighting with numerous others to confirm what we thought was a good ID.

Previous Experience with this and/or Similar Species: No previous experience with lark sparrow. Have experience with easier sparrows and are working on the harder ones.

Are you positive of your ID? (Why or why not): Yes, had ample time and good view for ID, photo and confirmation by others more knowledgeable.

References:

During Observation: Sibley's Field Guide to Birds

After Observation: Ditto

Date of report: 10/17/06

Signature of Observer: Vicky Smith

Still Present 11/30/06 am

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Lark Sparrow (Chondestes grammacus)

Date of Sighting: 14 October 2006 to 1 May 2007

County : BUCKS

Location : MAPLE KNOLL FARM

Observer(s): Richard and Vicky Smith, mobs

Date of Submission: 2007

Submitted by: H. Eskin, A Mirabella

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

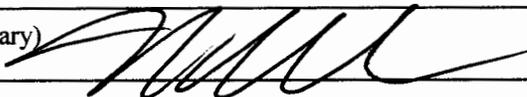
Specimen: No

Recording: No

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Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

12/6/07