

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	United States
Species (Common Name)	Lark Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	Chondestes grammacus
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	12-31-2016 10:50 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S33311274
County	Chester
Location (City, Borough, Township)	West Grove
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	SE Chester Co. Refuse Authority (SECCRA) (restricted access)
GPS coordinates of sighting	39°51'42.9"N 75°50'20.0"W
Habitat	Landfill
Viewing conditions	Sunny
Optical equipment used	Zeiss Conquest HD Bins
Description	<p>Came across this bird while doing count week birding at SECCRA for the Western Chester County CBC. Associating with SOSPs in a grassy area/thicket towards the SE corner of the landfill (Coordinates: 39°51'42.9"N 75°50'20.0"W). Alerted to the bird by the flight call, which was unfamiliar. Bold black, white, and red facial pattern distinctive.</p> <p>For those who are interested in looking for the bird, the refuse area is closed Sunday & Monday for the holiday weekend, and the LASP cannot be seen from the surrounding roads. The landfill is private, requiring check-in and signing a liability waiver for entry.</p>
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	<p>The bird was foraging with a handful of SOSPs in a small area (5ft x 20ft) of tall grass between dirt roads in the landfill. First noticed its unfamiliar flight call as the bird perched up in a small shrub. From there, it landed back on the ground, where it was very active, running from spot to spot in this small grassy area for a minute or so before flying off to a nearby thicket and perching for <3 min. After a short time, it took off, landing at the far end of the grassy lane. I tried to be as unobtrusive as possible, staying still as the bird moved from place to place. Once I was sure I had documentation photos, I went back to my car.</p>
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