

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2018-09-12 21:54:08
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Jerry Book (who initially found the bird); Mike Epler; Tom Garner; Eric Witmer
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Lark Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Chondestes grammacus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	09-10-2017 4:10 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S39796961">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S39796961</a>
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Manor Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	200 yards south of Blue Rock Road Boat Launch
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	39.978425, -76.462350
<b>Habitat</b>	scrubby bushes beside railroad tracks; adjacent to river
<b>Distance to bird</b>	15 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	none needed

**Description**

Large sparrow with strong, distinctive face pattern: chestnut cheek patch; black eye-line, black malar stripes; white throat; dark spot on chest; brown back, white corners to tail

**Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)**

Flushed from bushes beside trail as I neared its reported location; sat on a rail track observing me for several minutes, then slowly worked its way down the gravel and went back under bushes.

**Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:**

Jerry Book found the bird earlier in the day. He notified me and asked if I could obtain a photograph (attached).

**Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)**

yes

**After**

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**Supporting evidence (check all that apply)**

Photograph

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