

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-11-15 10:54:55
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Observer's Address	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
Names of additional observers	Richard Smith (FINDER), Devich Farbotnik
Species (Common Name)	Lark Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	Chondestes grammacus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	1st Winter
Observation Date and Time	08-14-2018 9:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S48322582
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Buckingham Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Crooke Farm, Ridge Rd.
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.3135833,-74.9966884
Habitat	Weedy patch bordering corn field on on side, steep weedy slope going up to huge mulch piles on the other side.
Distance to bird	100 ft.
Viewing conditions	Cloudy but conditions good for scope views.
Optical equipment used	Leica APO77 scope, Zeiss 7X42 Bins

Description	Distinctive head pattern-white malar bordered on bottom by lateral dark throat stipe, and then white throat. White supercilium stripe over brown auricular patch. The white spot at back of auricular area was seen. Bold white eye arc below eye. White center crown stripe. Whitish belly, white outer tail feathers.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Perched in low tree for a long time for great photo opportunity. Kept distance, thus pix not great.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Unique head pattern compared to any expected species in our area.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Found by Richard Smith 9/11 I believe but he wanted better views to confirm it & last seen by him 8/15. Also, confirmed by Devich Farbotnik who first spotted the bird this day when he joined us.
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, description and photos
During	None
After	Sibley
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph

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