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Clay-colored Sparrow

On Sunday, November 23, 1997, at 10 a.m., Bart Smith and Matt Spence found a Clay-colored Sparrow perched about eight ft. above ground in a small tree on Mine Road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Rt. 662 - adjacent to the Moselem Springs Golf Course. We had a good 2-3 minute view (good light) of this cooperative bird. Later the bird flew on to the golf course. On two returns to the area I could not find the bird.

Description	Overall - a tan sparrow
	Head - a brownish crown with <u>prominent</u> off - white central stripe, the superciliary stripe was quite light, a thin but distinct eye ring, cheek patch brown with dark lower stripe, a light area separating the cheek patch from the whisker stripe, bill light brown.
	Chest - buffy with no streaks
	Wings - brown with indistinct wing bars
	Legs - light brown
	Rump - brown with no streaks - no contrast with back
	Tail - with notch

I never saw a Clay-colored Sparrow before in Pennsylvania, but I have seen them in Michigan - in fact, Warren Faust showed me my first in the summer of 1971.

Matthew J. Spence

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*)

Date of Sighting: 23 November 1997 to 23 November 1997

Location: LAKE ONTELAUNEE

County: BERKS

Observer(s): Matthew Spence, Bart Smith

Date of Submission: 1997

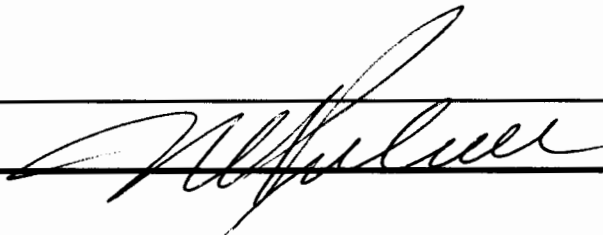
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WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

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J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					X
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					21
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/2

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