

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2020-09-06 16:22:15
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Mark Vass
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Michael David
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Brewer's Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Spizella breweri
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	09-04-2020 4:00 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S73188752">https://ebird.org/checklist/S73188752</a>
<b>County</b>	Westmoreland
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Rector
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Powdermill Nature Reserve
<b>Description</b>	see photos included in ebird checklist...banded earlier in the day and identified in hand
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	foraging on ground and seen perched in shrub
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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2020-11-02 13:09:43
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Annie Lindsay
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	114 Charlotte Drive Ligonier PA 15658 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Aaron Yappert, Catherine Werth, Kevin Chumpitaz, Luke DeGroot, Shaina Kenny, Kyleigh Godsey, Rose Mizerak
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Brewer's Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Spizella breweri
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	AHY, finishing prebasic molt, basic plumage, sex unknown
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	09-04-2020 9:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S73227002">https://ebird.org/checklist/S73227002</a>
<b>County</b>	Westmoreland
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Rector, PA
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Powdermill Nature Reserve
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40.163646, -79.266819
<b>Habitat</b>	early transitional
<b>Distance to bird</b>	in hand
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	in hand in banding lab
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	n/a

**Description**

Small light brown, almost pinkish sparrow. Pink bill. Unstreaked breast, finely streaked head, faint tan supercilium, plain tannish uppertail coverts.

Wing = 64.0mm, Tail = 60.5mm, Exposed culmen = 8.0mm

Band number: 2870-46575

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

Caught and banded at Powdermill Nature Reserve. Bird seen subsequently foraging in grassy/wildflower areas and perched in short alders/willows, sometimes seen with Chipping Sparrows.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

visual inspection of plumage and measurements

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

Recaptured on 9/5, 9/8, and 9/10. Bird gained fat and mass over that period, so was apparently successfully foraging.

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

Yes

**During**

Pyle Guide (Identification Guide to North American Birds, Part I); Sibley Guide

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

Photograph

**Upload images, audio, video or drawings**

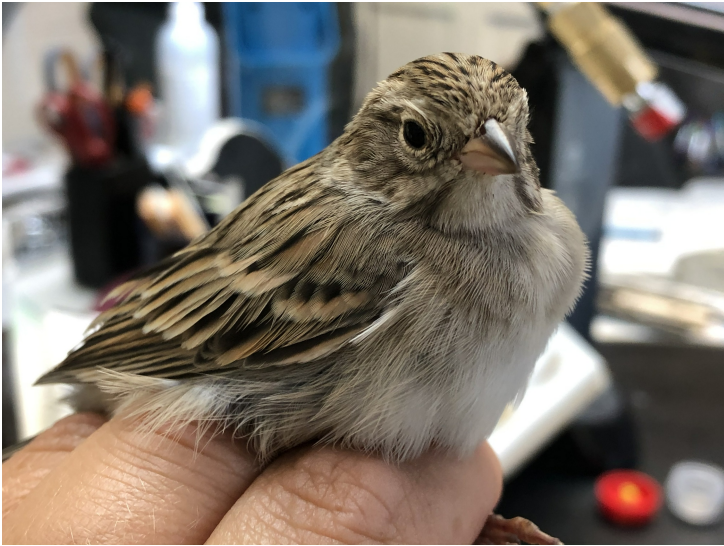
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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2020-11-22 19:08:01
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<b>Phone</b>	4127313581
<b>Observer's Address</b>	805 BEULAH RD PITTSBURGH PA 15235 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Brewer's Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Spizella breweri
<b>Subspecies (if known)</b>	breweri
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	09-04-2020 5:20 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S73193324">https://ebird.org/checklist/S73193324</a>
<b>County</b>	Westmoreland
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Rector
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Powdermill Avian Research Center
<b>Habitat</b>	Brushy with mowed trails.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	About 30 feet.
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Excellent. Sunny late afternoon.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Leica 10X42 Ultravid binoculars
<b>Description</b>	Description is in my ebird checklist along with photographs.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Feeding in the grass, perched in shrubs. Preened while perched in the shrubs.



**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

See ebird checklist.

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

Yes. Experience with the species. I've seen Brewer's Sparrows in Texas (during migration), Washington, California and Colorado.

**During**

None.

**After**

Sibley Guide, National Geographic field guide, A Guide To The Identification and Natural History of The Sparrows of the United States and Canada by James D. Rising

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

Photograph

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