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SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

CBC Name Bethlehem Date 12/29/90 Compiler Elane Mease
Observer writing this account & date Dan Gerlach 12/30/90

SPECIES Lark Bunting NUMBER, AGE, SEX 1, unknown, Male

Distance from bird(s) 50 ft Relative size of bird 6 1/2" - 7"
(Between Starling and House Sparrow. Closer to House Sparrow)

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median line, etc.) Black crown, nape and neck, light brown eyebrow, moustachial stripe and ear patch.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.) above

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES Conical, blueish (set off by contrasting

LEGS & FEET Dark

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)
Nape black. Back and rump dark however discernably lighter than wings and below. Upper tail cov. bl.

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.)
Jet black with lighter (slightly) spot in middle of breast. Elongated vertically (not circle).

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape, etc.) Very pronounced heart shaped tail (rounded and notched). Tail lighter than upper tail cov. white outer feathers n

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading & easily seen trailing edges, etc.) Black with large white elongated spot on greater wing coverts. Normal size wings.

VOCALIZATION none noted.

BEHAVIOR Seen atop barn of Dairy in the company of Starlings, Cowbirds and House Sparrows. Walking, flying and standing on barn top.

Date of observation 12/29 Time 1:15pm Weather Overcast Sky Overcast

Duration of observation 10-min Bird - Sun orientation completely drfus.

Exact location Maple Grove Dairy, Bethlehem PA

Habitat Dairy Farm Other observers Yvonne Gerlach

Optical equipment 12x40 Zeiss B. 5x44 Swift

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS All marking completely symmetric. On back are exact transcript of field notes recorded while observing. Minotape recorder used.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL

Black bird slightly smaller than a starling.

Tail is heart shaped like a finch's. I thought there was white in the outer tail feathers. like a Junco's tail.

There is also light patches on the back, on the wing part. Lighter color on the wing. The white spot is on the back of the wings.

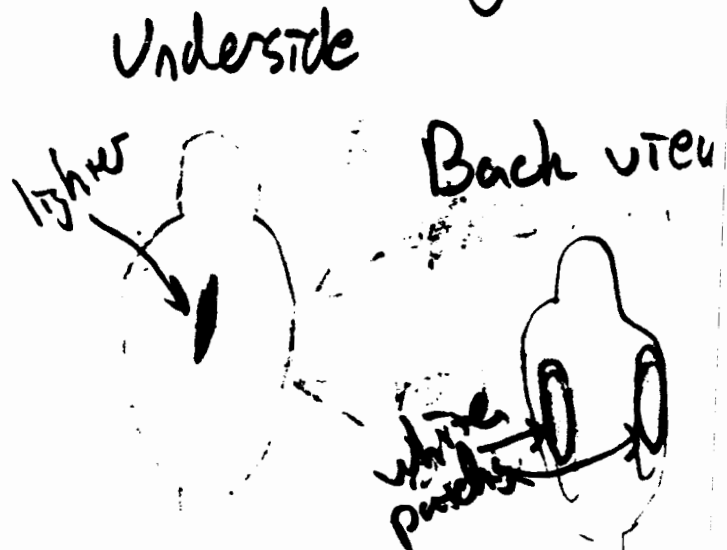
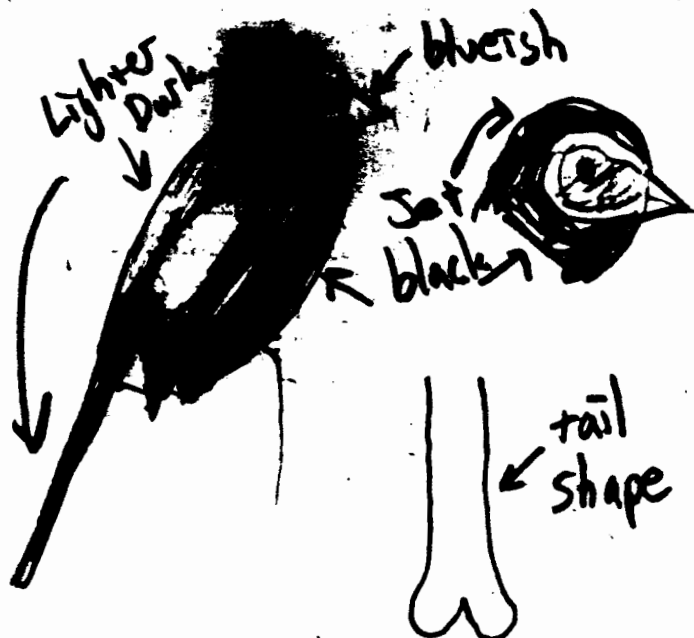
There is a pattern in the face, eyebrows, lightish eyebr

There is no streaking in the tail. I was mistaken about the In the middle of the chest is a kind of light spot. He is definitely dark overall.

I am getting a much better look now.

The tail is not black as the rest of the body is. The tail is a little lighter.

Slightly bigger than House sparrow. Closer in size to house sparrow than starling.



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Observer(s): Dan Gerlach

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Submitted by: Dan Gerlach

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R. Leberman			X				
G. McWilliams				X			
S. Santner				X			
P. Schwalbe							X
TOTALS			1	2			4
DECISION				X			

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

Bm Haas

Date:

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TOTALS			4		1		2
DECISION							

Comments:

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Signature (Secretary):

Date: