

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2020-07-17 15:30:00
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Observer's Address	2 S. Valley View Rd Line Lexington PA 18932 United States
Species (Common Name)	Lark Bunting
Species (Scientific Name)	Calamospiza melanocorys
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	? adult, solid black except for white comma on wing, male
Observation Date and Time	05-14-2020 9:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Hilltown Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	outside my 2nd story window
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.2964817,-75.2714041
Habitat	in a pinoak tree, up about 20 feet
Distance to bird	15-20'max
Viewing conditions	clear, windless morning about 9 AM EDT
Optical equipment used	eyeballs only
Description	after 3-4 day of sustained 30+ MPH winds from the west in MAY I woke up on the morning the wind abated and looked out my window to see a bird I had never seen before, about size of Robin, but skinny, solid black except for white slash on shoulder. went to look in my bird books, but none of the PA one had it, finally found it was a bird of Plains states, blown in by all that wind

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

sitting on branch, no leaves on tree at that time

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

see above

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

Augie, at PVNC, augustmirabella@aol.com , suggested I submit it to PORC, said he would vouch I was somewhat reliable, though not a birder as such.

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

yes, date is approximate as I wrote down dates of high wind from West but don't have that with me at the moment, GRRRR, call me for confirmation

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Drawing

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