

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2017-11-04 16:13:25
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	915 Melrose Ave Elkins Park PA 19027 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Le Conte's Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	adult
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-04-2017 12:20 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40301242">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40301242</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Lower Moreland
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Pennypack Environmental Restoration Trust
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40 08 15.6 N 04 59.4 W
<b>Habitat</b>	Dry little and big bluestem grassland
<b>Distance to bird</b>	15 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski 8x42
<b>Description</b>	Slim, petite sparrow, orange face with grey auriculars, pale median stripe on crown, purple stripes on nape, prominent postocular line, streaking along sides below.

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

Flushed from mowed area of short grass into longer grass, flushed again at short range, perched on grass stems in full view for over 5 minutes. Perched, flicking wings on occasion, then begin chipping, audio obtained.

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

Henslow's would be greenish where orange, Grasshopper would be unstreaked below, Nelson's has grey nape.

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

My camcorder ran out of battery! I only had my iphone, so photo very poor quality.

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

110% positive! It was without question a LeConte's. I've discovered Le Conte's in Salem County, NJ, and Henslow's, Nelson's and Grasshopper at PERT in the past.

**During**

None

**After**

None.

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

Photograph  
Audio

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## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2018-02-10 17:15:31
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Le Conte's Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-05-2017 7:10 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S40328729">https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S40328729</a>
<b>County</b>	Montgomery
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Huntingdon Valley
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
<b>Distance to bird</b>	less than 20 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	clear, overcast
<b>Description</b>	A small sparrow. Dark back with white stripes. Crisp dark brown streaks extending from breast to all the way down the flanks. Streaking on central breast present but less pronounced. Clean white belly. Orange lores and malar, with breast a little less vibrant buffy color. Dark eyeline extending behind eye. Highly patterned head, starting with orange loreal area, then black stripe, then white median crown stripe.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	First heard dull, flat chip note, then observed bird in flight - somewhat weak and flappy/fluttery. Eventually the bird moved out into the open and perched motionless on a stem for several minutes.

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

Excellent views - easiest field mark to separate from other Ammodramus species was white median stripe on crown.

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

Yes. Pictures are diagnostic.

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

Photograph

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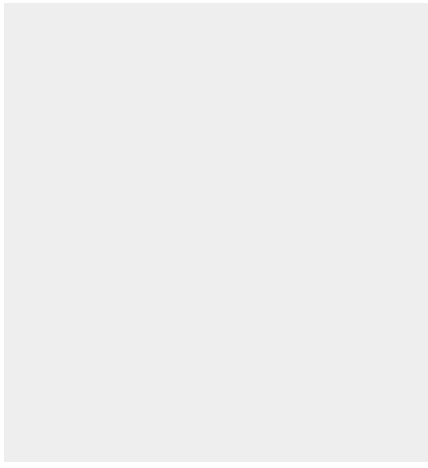


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[Le Conte's Sparrow 3.jpg](#)

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