

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-11-15 10:02:54
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Observer's Address	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
Names of additional observers	Jason Horn, Paul Heveran, and others
Species (Common Name)	LeConte's Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ammospiza leconteii</i>
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	adult
Observation Date and Time	10-06-2018 11:40 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S49007585
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Doylestown Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Pine Run Reservoir
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.311160, -75.175940
Habitat	Wet lake edge vegetation of various plants, small willows, and other small trees. Area is mowed once a year in December
Distance to bird	50 ft or less
Viewing conditions	Cloudy but close views in good light.
Optical equipment used	Leica APO77 scope, Zeiss 7X42 Bins

Description	This was written partially by Paul Heveran and shared via his eBird entry. I modified it. This sparrow was somewhat smaller than Song/Swamp. In flight it was surprisingly pale compared to the other sparrows present. When perched it showed a orangey/buff supercilium bordered above by black lateral crown stripes. There was a narrow black stripe above the gray auricular patch, and orangey/buff strip below the auricular patch. The central crown strip was white.. Its back and maybe its wings were a combination of boldly marked black and buff streaks, with two longitudinal pale buff stripes. The breast was much paler than the buff face markings. Belly was white. It had bold dark streaks on sides of upper breast and flanks. My photos included with this entry were from my photos from second visit on 10/9, not from this initial sighting.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Perched in the low vegetation at the site and vanished for periods of time. On 10/9 sat out for long periods allowing photos.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Brighter orangey face colors compared to Grasshopper Sparrow & Henslow's Sparrow, etc. White center crown stripe compared to gray stripe in Sharp-tailed Sparrows.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Found by Jason Horn
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, description above, photos attached and experience.
During	Online apps
After	Sibley
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph

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