

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2020-03-29 04:52:56
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<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Kerry Grim
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Kerry Grim
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	03-09-2020 8:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/pa/checklist/S65632260">https://ebird.org/pa/checklist/S65632260</a>
<b>County</b>	Berks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Hamburg
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Kerry Grim
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	40°33'52.69" N 75°59'41.40 W
<b>Habitat</b>	wetlands, tall wool grass directly behind the bird.
<b>Distance to bird</b>	estimated 20-25 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	perfect- front-lit with direct sunlight on the bird.
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	8x32 Swarovski binoculars

<b>Description</b>	<p>Description added to my eBird Report shortly after observation: Viewing conditions: calm, direct, brilliant lighting. Observed the bird with 8X32 Swarovski's, then checked the ID in National Geographic guide kept in my vehicle and tentatively identified as a LeConte's Sparrow. I returned and took numerous photos with 300mm lens and full frame camera.</p> <p>Yellow buff with fine streaking on breast and sides. Dark spots on nape. Bill not very large in comparison to Henslow's Sparrow. Thin, dark vertical stripes on sides of the throat. Thin, with the crown stripe. Vocalizations: nothing heard, not even a 'chip' call. Behavior: very little movement, basically sat there for a few minutes in brilliant sunlight stayed very close to or on ground. Habitat: Drier portion of the wetlands, but very close to wet areas. Wool grass was directly behind the bird.</p>
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	<p>Very little movement, mostly motionless in the sun; on or a few inches above the ground. No vocalizations at all.</p>
<b>Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)</b>	<p>Separated from Henslow's Sparrow by the white crown stripe of a LeConte's Sparrow in addition to the smaller bill of LeConte's Sparrow (heavy bill on Henslow's Sparrow).</p> <p>Grasshopper and Baird's Sparrow are somewhat similar, but Henslow's Sparrow is by far similar to the sparrow I saw/photographed.</p>
<b>Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)</b>	<p>Yes</p>
<b>During</b>	<p>National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds</p>
<b>After</b>	<p>Sibley Birds East, 2nd addition</p>
<b>Supporting evidence (check all that apply)</b>	<p>Photograph</p>

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