



## PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania. Send documentation to:

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Harris's Sparrow Zonotrichia querula  
Subspecies, if known \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 1 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): adult breeding plumage

DATE OF OBSERVATION 5/18/05 TIME 8:00 - 8:15 pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Near Willow Bay + Stickney, Mckean County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) Block 32 A 11 3297 West Washington Street  
Across from Yaffe Road. (Al Rutter residence)

### OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name John Frank  
Address 26 Race Street  
City Berks State Pa ZIP 16701  
e-mail (optional) jfrank@att.net phone (optional) 814 362 1052

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): Al Rutter, but I am not sure he looked at it the same time as I did

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) Mowed field + backyard with shrubs and trees around residence at a feeder

DISTANCE TO BIRD 50 yards

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) sun was behind Mts. it was dusk.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Leica 8x42

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed – size relative to other species present; "jizz" = e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): large Sparrow - much larger than Indigo bunting + chipping Sparrow. It also seemed larger than the white crowned Sparrows in the yard. Tertials edged in white, upper rump onto back gray. gray rump black top of head, front of face and throat black behind eye in a crescent around the cheek - gray face, white belly, pink bill that was dark at tip and edges due to dark brown gap. wing had what looked like 2 thin white wing bars. Back was striped.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) EATING Dandelion seed  
from SE 3rd Ward.

VOCALIZATIONS None heard

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph ☒ Video recording ☐ Audio recording ☐ Drawing ☐

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name Al Rutter  
Address 32 97 West Washington  
City Bradford State Pa ZIP 16701  
e-mail (optional)  phone (optional) 814 368 4482

\* sent via email  
to N.C.H. Puleinella

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) not much very similar to  
eliminate

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it: I called Mr.  
Rutter after receiving his email to me. He said he was looking at  
it. I drove out (20 min) and the bird had moved from the  
feeder to the field. look was identifiable but not what I  
wanted.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES I have seen 1 non breeding  
Harris's Sparrow in Warren County at Sugar Grove at Satt Stoleron's  
residence

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES 100% - nothing  
else it could be

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation None

After observation sublogs / National Geographic

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 5/18/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER 

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*)

Date of Sighting: 16 May 2005 to 19 May 2005

Location: WILLOW BAY

County : MCKEAN

Observer(s): Al Rutter, John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: Al Rutter, John Fedak

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut								
<del>D. Heathcote</del> <i>Guarante</i>	X							
P. Guris	X							
J. Stanley	X							
E. Witmer	X							
<del>R. Leberman</del> <i>Heller</i>	X							
M. Sharp	X							
TOTALS	6							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0

Signature (Secretary)

Date:

2/27/06