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While I was editing the spring issue of Pennsylvania Birds, I came across this post regarding a Harris's Sparrow from May on the PA Birds Liserv archives. There was a link to an ebird checklist with photos. The post is below that has details.

I asked the observer if I could submit his photos to PORC and he granted permission. His email granting permission with links to the photos online are also below for your information. There are two photos with the date of the sighting listed on the photo.

I wanted to make sure we capture this record. He does say in his email that someone else was going to submit it (Dave Hawk) but I don't know if he did.

Mike Fialkovich

PA BIRDS POST:

Subject:

HARRIS'S SPARROW - Beltzville State Park - Carbon County

From:

Richard Rehrig <rrehrig@PTD.NET>

Date:

Wed, 7 May 2014 13:57:08 -0400

Today my wife Barbara and I relocated an adult Harris's Sparrow (found by Dave Hawk on May 6, 2014) near backyard bird feeders of a home along Pohopoco Drive, which runs along the north side of Beltzville State Park. Of interest to me is the fact this bird is only 2.3 miles from last years first county record for this species. Could it be the same bird?? The Harris's Sparrow was with a number of White-crowned Sparrows also feeding on and around the feeders. I wonder if it will stick around or move on with the White-crowned Sparrows.

GPS: 40.890270, -75.567700

I spoke with the homeowners Roy and Linda Christman and they told me birders are welcome to come try for this bird. Their address is 6495 Pohopoco Drive Lehigh, PA. If you do make a visit, DO NOT PARK IN THEIR DRIVEWAY. There is plenty of parking space across the street from their home, at the BSP Christman Trail parking lot. Walk across the street and up the dirt driveway to the tree line to view their feeders. Linda said she has a bench she might put there for visitors.

eBird checklist with photos -

<http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S18268831>

Rich and Barbara Rehrig
Palmerton, PA

REPLY TO MY REQUEST TO SUBMIT THE PHOTOS TO PORC (AND PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS):

----- Original Message ----- From: "rrehrig" <rrehrig@ptd.net>
To: "Michael Fialkovich" <mpfial@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:06 PM
Subject: Re: Harris's Sparrow Photo

Mike,

You are welcome to use any photos I have of this bird. See Flickr links
My wife and I are currently in the middle of a vacation/birding
trip in Washington state. We will return home to PA late next week, so
if you need any additional info it will have to wait until then.

As for submitting this bird to PORC, I spoke with Dave Hawk who originally
found this bird and he told me he would submit a report. I would suggest
you contact him to see what his intentions are. Please let me know if I
can be of any further assistance.
Rich



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