

# PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2014-12-06 08:48:03
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Arlene Koch
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	Street Address: 1375 Raubsville Road City: Easton State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18042 Country: United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Dave DeReamus, Jason Horn, Kathy Sieminski, 100+ others
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Harris's sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Zonotrichia querula
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	First winter bird
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-17-2014 11:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Not yet (please do, eBird is great!)
<b>County</b>	Northampton
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Williams Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Koch property
<b>Habitat</b>	Edge of drivewa on millet, surrounded by fields and preserved farmland
<b>Distance to bird</b>	25-30 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Initial find in damp, rainy weather
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarowski EL 10 X 42
<b>Description</b>	Large sparrow, whitish breast and belly with black triangular outline, beigy appearing face with obvious large pinkish bill, dark blackish cap, small white tertial edges on wings np y
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Feeding on millet, hanging with white-crowned's, house sparrows, other ground foeders. Has at times been found in upper fields and occasionally at top of trees along eastern

edge of yard.

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

Obvious bird - can't really be mistaken for other sparrows due to size, gizz, color, black markings, etc.

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

Still here as of December 6, 2014. Has been coming in late in the day and feeding with other sparrows, etc., right outside my kitchen door.

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

Yes

**During**

Sibley's, Jim Rising's sparrow books

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

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