


PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-03-23 17:36:56
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Observer's Address	1443 Wheaton Lane North Wales PA 19454 United States
Names of additional observers	Scott Godshall, Devich Farbotnik, Butch Lishman, others I don't remember
Species (Common Name)	Harris's Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	Zonotrichia querula
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Adult
Observation Date and Time	01-01-2018 4:00 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S41543073
County	Bucks Co.
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Doylestown Twp.
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	135 Rickerts Rd. Doylestown Twp.
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.328977, -75.160081
Habitat	Feeders in back of house with lots of cover at edge of lawn area
Distance to bird	130 ft
Viewing conditions	15 deg sunny. Sunny Looking SE.
Optical equipment used	Zeiss 7x42, Leica 20-60 x scope

Description	Sparrow larger than White-throated & Juncos. Pink bill stood out against black throat and front of top of head. Fairly plain rest of head. White belly with bold flank streaks. Bold dark and light streaking down back.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Feeding on seed placed on top of a stump but mostly on ground.
Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)	Nothing really similar for an experienced observer. I do think some inexperienced folks thought the House Sparrows were the species, since they reported male and female.
Discussion – anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	Also, saw it 1/2 with Bill Keim & 1/19 with Judy Mirabella. Last I heard, still present 3/5
Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)	Yes, no similar species
During	none
After	Sibley Guide
Supporting evidence (check all that apply)	Photograph
Upload images, audio, video or drawings	 Harris's Sparrow 1-1-2018.JPG
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