

Submission Date	2013-01-03 18:06:26
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Observer's Address	Street Address: 704 Delaware Avenue City: Palmerton State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 18071 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Barbara Rehrig
Species (Common Name)	Harris's Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	Zonotrichia querula
Number of individuals	1
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	1st year male
Observation Date and Time	01-01-2013 11:00 AM
County	Carbon
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Trachsville
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Whitey B Road
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.888986,-75.526532
Habitat	Brushy area near housing development
Distance to bird	20 feet
Viewing conditions	overcast
Optical equipment used	Zeiss binoculars
Description	large sparrow with a pink bill, buffy cheeks light colored belly and a black 'necklace'.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	We heard an unfamiliar vocalization coming from the bushes. The Harris's Sparrow jumped up to the top of the brush when I phished, which gave us an excellent view of the bird. It jumped to a small deciduous tree where I was able to get a poor documentation photo

of the back of the bird. It then flew off into the bushes.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Other species never considered once we got a look at the bird and confirmed its ID in our fieldguide.

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

Several other birders were able to relocate this bird and get photos.

Photos included below in report are:

IMG_0525.jpg My documentation photo
Harris'sSparrow.jpg Courtesy of Dustin Welch (dwelch5951@aol.com)
Harris'sSparrow2.jpg Courtesy of Corey Husic (fitzbew@ptd.net)

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

Yes, we have seen this species before.

During

various birding guides

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

[Harris_sSparrow.jpg](#)
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