

PA Rare Bird Report

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| <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<br>City: Easton<br>State / Province: PA<br>Postal / Zip Code: 18042<br>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)**

Photograph

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drawings**

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