

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2016-11-20 11:57:30
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<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Tom Garner, Mike Epler and I. Zach Millen, Bruce Carl and Ted Nichols later in AM
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	LeContes Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Juvenile
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	10-16-2016 8:30 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	S32074570
<b>County</b>	Lancaster
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Bainbridge
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Bainbridge Islands of Susquehanna River
<b>Habitat</b>	Grassy, wet river island
<b>Distance to bird</b>	15-50 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Partly cloudy, calm
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	10x44 Leica Binoculars
<b>Description</b>	A small <i>Ammodramus</i> Sparrow with light thin median stripe, small bill, short tail, conspicuous pale stripes on back.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Occasionally perched near tops of grass stalks or deeper in thick grasses

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

There was some discussion among the observers that there was two birds present. Several times there appeared to be sightings in the grassy thicket at different locations at the same time. There was to my knowledge no sightings of two birds seen together.

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

Yes

**During**

Sibley

**After**

Sibley

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

Photograph

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