

PA Rare Bird Report

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Observer's Address	991 Camp Rd Telford PA 18969 United States
Names of additional observers	Paul Driver, Anna Mindel
Species (Common Name)	Le Conte's Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	11-05-2017 7:10 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S40328729
County	Montgomery
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Huntingdon Valley
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
Distance to bird	less than 20 feet
Viewing conditions	clear, overcast
Description	A small sparrow. Dark back with white stripes. Crisp dark brown streaks extending from breast to all the way down the flanks. Streaking on central breast present but less pronounced. Clean white belly. Orange lores and malar, with breast a little less vibrant buffy color. Dark eyeline extending behind eye. Highly patterned head, starting with orange loreal area, then black stripe, then white median crown stripe.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	First heard dull, flat chip note, then observed bird in flight - somewhat weak and flappy/fluttery. Eventually the bird moved out into the open and perched motionless on a stem for several minutes.

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

Excellent views - easiest field mark to separate from other Ammodramus species was white median stripe on crown.

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

Yes. Pictures are diagnostic.

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

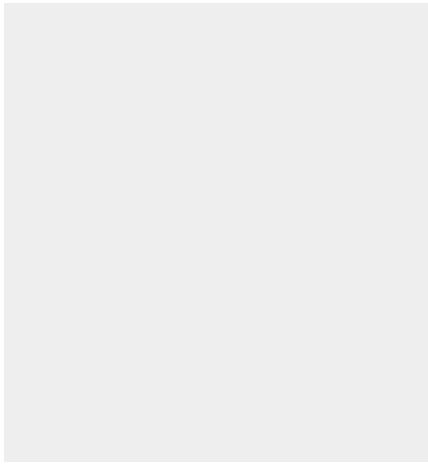
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