

## PA Rare Bird Report

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<b>Observer's Address</b>	United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Lark Sparrow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Chondestes grammacus
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	12-31-2016 10:50 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S33311274">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S33311274</a>
<b>County</b>	Chester
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	West Grove
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	SE Chester Co. Refuse Authority (SECCRA) (restricted access)
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	39°51'42.9"N 75°50'20.0"W
<b>Habitat</b>	Landfill
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Sunny
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Zeiss Conquest HD Bins
<b>Description</b>	<p>Came across this bird while doing count week birding at SECCRA for the Western Chester County CBC. Associating with SOSPs in a grassy area/thicket towards the SE corner of the landfill (Coordinates: 39°51'42.9"N 75°50'20.0"W). Alerted to the bird by the flight call, which was unfamiliar. Bold black, white, and red facial pattern distinctive.</p> <p>For those who are interested in looking for the bird, the refuse area is closed Sunday &amp; Monday for the holiday weekend, and the LASP cannot be seen from the surrounding roads. The landfill is private, requiring check-in and signing a liability waiver for entry.</p>
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	<p>The bird was foraging with a handful of SOSPs in a small area (5ft x 20ft) of tall grass between dirt roads in the landfill. First noticed its unfamiliar flight call as the bird perched up in a small shrub. From there, it landed back on the ground, where it was very active, running from spot to spot in this small grassy area for a minute or so before flying off to a nearby thicket and perching for &lt;3 min. After a short time, it took off, landing at the far end of the grassy lane. I tried to be as unobtrusive as possible, staying still as the bird moved from place to place. Once I was sure I had documentation photos, I went back to my car.</p>
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