

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2018-09-12 21:54:08
Observer's Name	Meredith Lombard
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Observer's Address	255 N. 6th Street Columbia PA 17512 United States
Names of additional observers	Jerry Book (who initially found the bird); Mike Epler; Tom Garner; Eric Witmer
Species (Common Name)	Lark Sparrow
Species (Scientific Name)	Chondestes grammacus
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	adult
Observation Date and Time	09-10-2017 4:10 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S39796961
County	Lancaster
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Manor Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	200 yards south of Blue Rock Road Boat Launch
GPS coordinates of sighting	39.978425, -76.462350
Habitat	scrubby bushes beside railroad tracks; adjacent to river
Distance to bird	15 feet
Viewing conditions	clear
Optical equipment used	none needed

Description

Large sparrow with strong, distinctive face pattern: chestnut cheek patch; black eye-line, black malar stripes; white throat; dark spot on chest; brown back, white corners to tail

Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

Flushed from bushes beside trail as I neared its reported location; sat on a rail track observing me for several minutes, then slowly worked its way down the gravel and went back under bushes.

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

Jerry Book found the bird earlier in the day. He notified me and asked if I could obtain a photograph (attached).

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

yes

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Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

Upload images, audio, video or drawings

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