

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2019-12-01 14:32:48
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	92 Carriage House Lane Reedsville PA 17084 United States
<b>Names of additional observers</b>	Jay Zook, Andy Keister, Jon Kauffman, Eric Zawatski, Carl Engstrom and many others
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Western Meadowlark
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)</b>	Adult in breeding plumage
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	06-27-2019 2:30 PM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="https://ebird.org/checklist/S57737969">https://ebird.org/checklist/S57737969</a>
<b>County</b>	Mifflin
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	Union Township, Pennsylvania (outside of Belleville, PA)
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Beech Tree Lane
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 40.6139551 W -77.7402477
<b>Habitat</b>	Pasture and hay fields
<b>Distance to bird</b>	200 feet
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	Clear day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Pentax K3 camera with 540mm lens and Zeiss Conquest HD 8x42 binoculars

**Description**

Robin-sized meadowlark with a yellow throat and a bright yellow breast. A dark black "V" was observed on the breast. Brown eyeline behind the eye. White supercilium. Yellow lores. Brown crown stripe with a white median crown stripe.

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

The bird was singing from two fence posts approximately 200 feet away almost the entire time I was at the location. The bird was singing every 15-20 seconds for half an hour. Between songs, the bird would look around the area that it was perched.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

This bird was separated from Eastern Meadowlark by its song. I'm very familiar with the Eastern Meadowlark and its song, and this bird's song was of a more "bubbly nature".

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

I have included an image and an audio file of the song.

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

Song matched the Western Meadowlark song on Cornell University's All About Birds website.

**During**

Sibley Birds iPhone app

**After**

All About Birds Western Meadowlark pages

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

Photograph  
Audio

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