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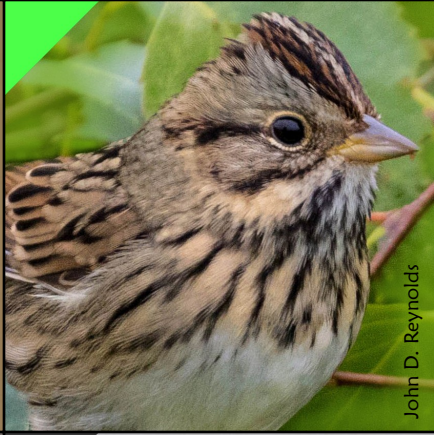
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**CHIPPING**

*Spizella passerina*

Rusty-brown crown and a black eyeline that extends to the bill, looking like a pencil tucked behind an ear. Pinkish bill, white wingbars, unstreaked breast/flanks, and long notched tail. Common, September thru May.

**SONG**

*Melospiza melodia*

White malar, big triangular throat stripe, and splotchy spot at the center of the streaked breast. Gray bill, faint wingbars, heavily streaked breast/flanks, and medium-length tail. Common, October thru April.

**WHITE-THROATED**

*Zonotrichia albicollis*

White-striped morph has a white eyebrow, malar, and throat, with yellow above the lore. (Young birds look like tan morphs.) Gray bill, white wingbars, unstreaked breast/flanks, and long tail. Common, Oct. thru mid May.

**CLAY-COLORED**

*Spizella pallida*

Pale face with an eyering, tan lore, white malar, and brown throat stripe. Looks very cute. Grayish-pink bill, buff wingbars, unstreaked tan breast/flanks, and long notched tail. Uncommon, September thru mid May.

**SWAMP**

*Melospiza georgiana*

Facial markings look blurry. Note the rusty-red wings and tail, and the warm brown flanks. Gray bill, no wingbars, faint/blurry streaking on breast/flanks, and medium-length tail. Common, mid October thru mid May.

**WHITE-THROATED**

*Zonotrichia albicollis*

Tan-striped morph is grayer overall, with the malar and throat divided by a faint gray throat stripe. Gray bill, white wingbars, variable fine or blurry streaking on breast/flanks, and long tail. Common, October thru April.

**FIELD**

*Spizella pusilla*

Plain face and white eyering make the pink bill pop. Eyeline/cheek/breast/flanks can be all gray or orangey. Pink bill, white wingbars, unstreaked breast/flanks, and long notched tail. Common, October thru early May.

**LINCOLN'S**

*Melospiza lincolni*

Buff malar, breast, and flanks, and lots of fine-line streaking. Crown feathers are often raised. Gray bill, faint buff wingbars, neatly streaked breast/flanks, and medium-length tail. Common, October thru mid May.

**WHITE-CROWNED**

*Zonotrichia leucophrys*

Black-and-white "bike helmet" on an otherwise gray head. (Young birds have brown and gray stripes.) Pinkish bill, white wingbars, unstreaked breast/flanks, and long tail. Common, October thru mid May.

**HOUSE (female)**

*Passer domesticus*

Pale eyebrow between the darker crown and fuzzy eyeline. Two-tone bill, faint wingbars, unstreaked breast/flanks, and short tail. Non-native and not related to our other sparrows. Very common, year-round.

**HOUSE (male)**

*Passer domesticus*

Gray crown, black lore, and rusty area behind the eye and above the gray cheek. Throat/bib grows blacker as spring arrives and feather tips wear. Hangs out anywhere there's food. Very common, year-round.

**HARRIS'S**

*Zonotrichia querula*

Black crown, lore, throat, and bib. (Young birds have less black on the crown and a mostly white throat.) Big pink bill, white wingbars, streaked brown flanks, and long tail. Fairly common, November thru early May.