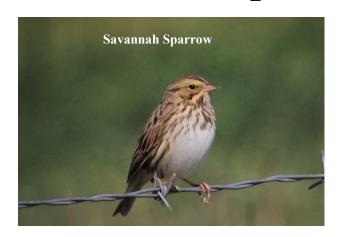
Bird of the Month - May Savannah Sparrow





IDENTIFICATION

- Small sparrow with streaky breast and yellow stripe over the eye
- Males and Females are similar
- Their song is a high pitched, insect-like song

FOOD

Feeds mostly on insects and seeds gathered in grassy areas

PREDATORS

Adults are killed by raptors, feral cats, snakes and magpies.
Juveniles can be eaten by raptors, herons, magpies, snakes and nest raiders like racoons and skunks.

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- Habitat widespread in open areas from short grasses to tundra
- Most winter in the southern US and Mexico but a few winter here at the Wetlands
- In summer, males perch up and sing on fences near open pastures. The rest of the year, they spend much of their time on the ground hidden from view
- Their overall population has declined 50% since 1966
- The first specimen described by science was in Savannah, Georgia - Hence the name