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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.

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**CLAY-COLORED**
*Spizella pallida*

**SWAMP**
*Melospiza georgiana*

**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.

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**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 lincolnii*
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.

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**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.