

Henslow's sparrow

Centronyx henslowii

FEATURES

Henslow's sparrow is about five inches long. The striped, green-brown head is flattened. The light breast has dark stripes. The wings are rust-red. There are two dark stripes below the eye.

BEHAVIORS

Henslow's sparrow is an uncommon migrant and summer resident statewide and a very rare winter resident in southern Illinois. Spring migration begins in mid-April. Fall migrants start to leave in mid-October. This species winters in the pine forests of the Gulf Coast states. It lives in tall grasslands and fallow fields with little to no trees or shrubs feeding on seeds, insects and fruits.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Passerellidae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE



Migrating



Summer



Winter



Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie