

THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

QUIZ 7

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Which one of these three birds is the sparrow?

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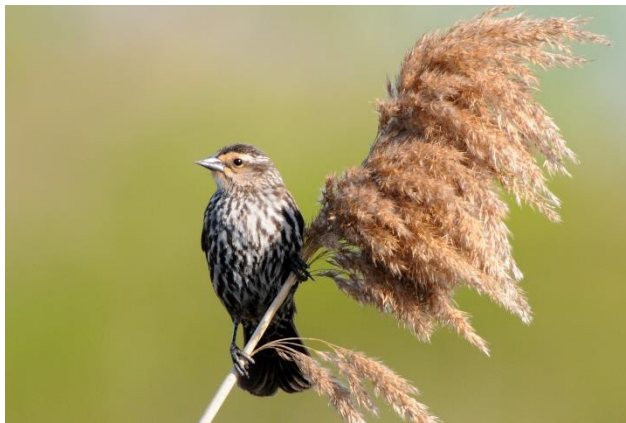
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Green-tailed Towhee

Far from all being small and brown, the sparrows--understood as birds of the New World family Passerellidae--include a number of large, boldly colored species, among them the towhees. Blackbirds in any plumage can be distinguished from the sparrows by a glance at their stout feet and bills and broad, blackish tails. Accentors, like the dunnock or "hedge sparrow," differ from the true sparrows in their fine bills and squeaky, reeling songs--and, of course, by their range in Europe and Asia, with only one species, the Siberian accentor, occurring as an exceedingly rare winter vagrant in northwestern North America.



Female Red-winged Blackbird



Dunnock

They have replaced all the House Sparrows once found in Hyde Park, London.