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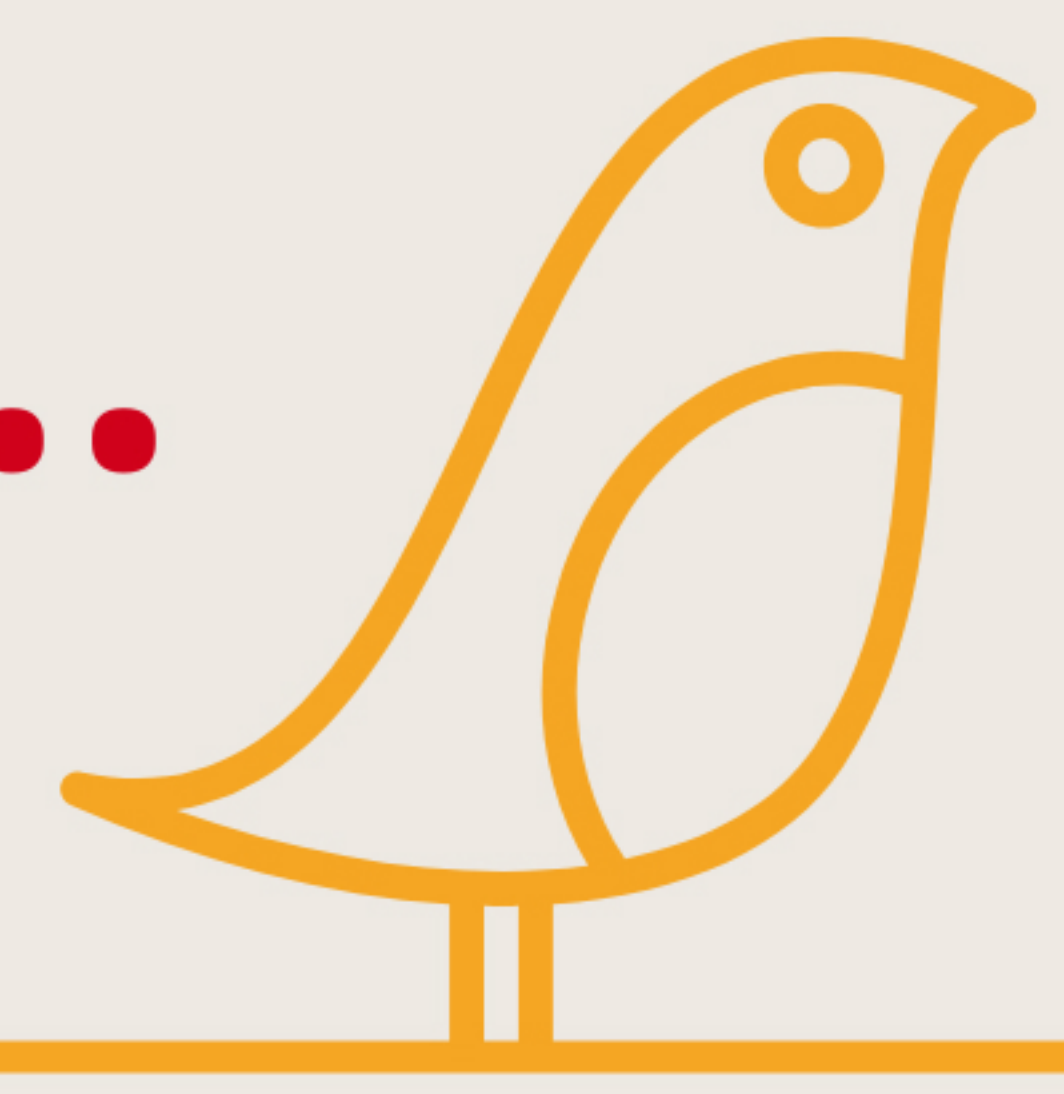
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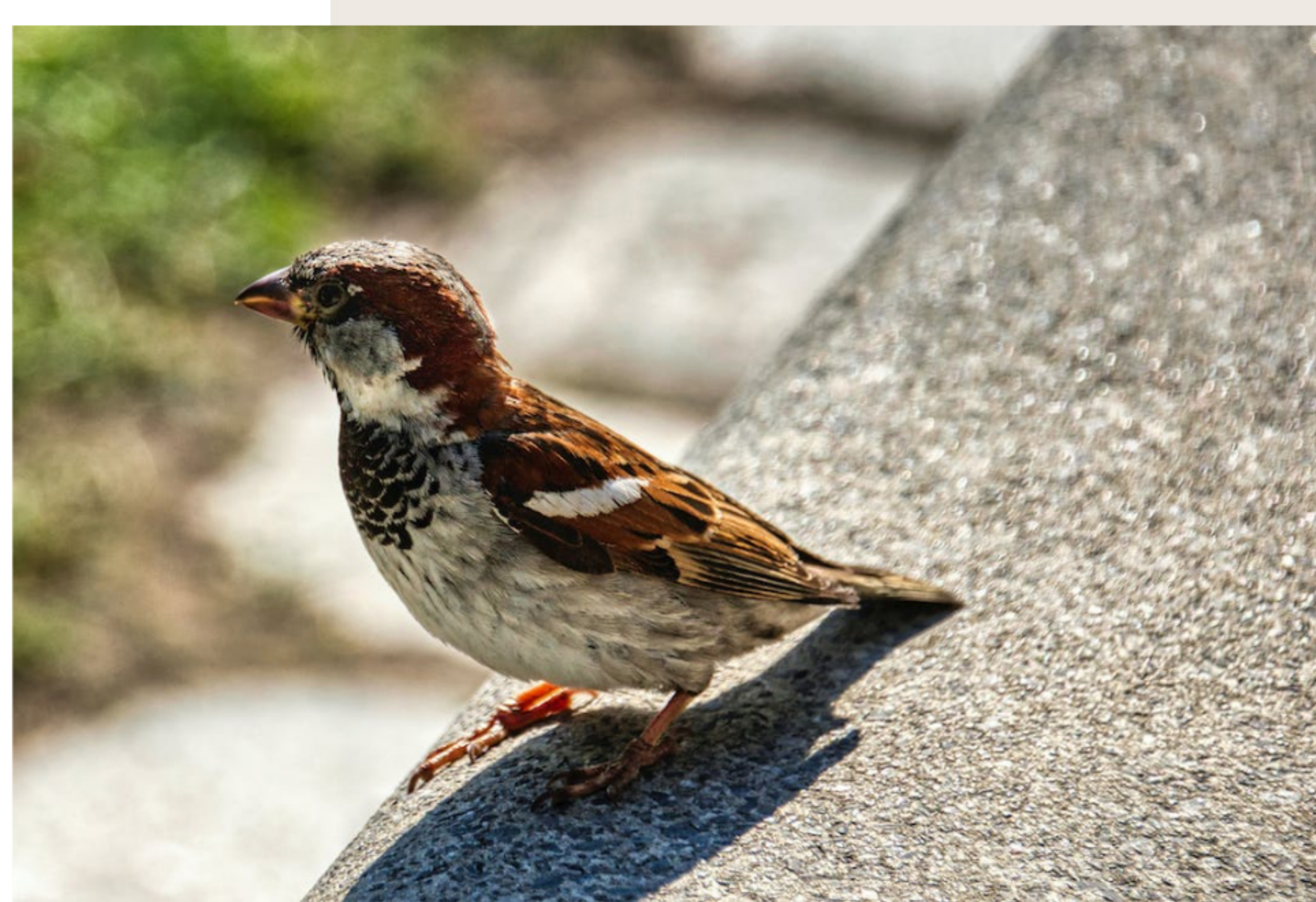
# How To Identify Various...



## Sparrow Species

Are you ready to start birdwatching but unsure where to start? Do you find it difficult to differentiate birds from one another?

Worry not! We've got you covered with this concise guide that outlines easy identification markers to decipher between sparrow species.



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### House Sparrow

The House Sparrow is arguably the most recognizable sparrow because of their close proximity to human life. They have lived near humans for centuries, and often nest in urban areas.

They can be identified by their white cheeks and neck band, their red head with gray at the very top, and their black bib (chest area).



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### Song Sparrow

Song Sparrows are usually found in marshy and/or overgrown and open areas. They have a jumpy style of flight while moving into open area from their brush habitat. They will forage in the open areas while hopping or "flitting" from place to place on the ground.

They can be identified by their dark brown streaks, one of which goes through the eye. The stripes follow over a white chest and belly.



Cephas | Wikipedia

### White-Throated Sparrow

The White-throated Sparrows can be found in wooded areas and pond edges. They are known for their distinct song and generally forage near the ground.

They can be identified by their beautiful head pattern. White and black stripes cover the head with yellow patches between the eyes and bill. They have a light grey chest and belly, with brown and tan streaks on their tops and wings.



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### Swamp Sparrow

As you could have guessed from their name, the swamp sparrow is almost always found by water. They forage in the brush on the coast.

To identify a swamp sparrow, you may notice their legs being longer than most species of sparrows. They also have much darker coloring, with a rust-colored head and wings. Their neck is white, and their chest and belly is grey.

By remembering these identity markers, you'll be well on your way to identifying various sparrow species on your next birdwatching adventure!



See [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org) for more

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