

# 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**