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CROWS vs RAVENS



FINCHES

PURPLE



- No Streaks on breast
- Straight Bill
- White Eye Strip



HOUSE



- No Streaks on breast
- Curved Bill
- Rounder Head



FLYCATCHERS

SONGS

Acadian Sharp explosive *pit-see!*
or *wee-see!*

Least Emphatic sharp *che-bek!*

Willow Sneezy *fitx-bew*

Alder Accented *fee-B-o*
or *rree-BE-o*
or *free beer*



OLIVE SIDED has clear breast



PHOEBE'S have a long tail



SPARROWS

	CLEAR BREAST	
White Face	WHITE THROATED Brushy forest edges With yellow on face	
White Face	WHITE CROWNED NO WHITE THROAT 	
No Red Cap MEDIUM	SWAMP <i>All year long</i> base of bill is yellow; grey face ♪ Trill song (like chipping) ♪ 	Wetlands

	STREAKED BREAST	
	FOX	Boreal Forest
Yellow eye patch SHORT notched TAIL	SAVANNAH	Fields
	SONG	

Species	Time Period	DB	DB Change	1924-1963	1963-1994	1994-2010s
Grasshopper Sparrow		D _B	↔	•	•	•
Chipping Sparrow		D _B	↑	•	•	•
Clay-colored Sparrow ⁴	[x2010s]			•	•	•
Field Sparrow		D _B	↑	•	•	•
Fox Sparrow ^B			↓	•	•	•
American Tree Sparrow ^B			↓	•	•	•
Dark-eyed Junco ^B	<1924><by1963	D _B	↔	•	•	•
White-crowned Sparrow ^B			↔	•	•	•
White-throated Sparrow ^B			↑	•	•	•
Vesper Sparrow		D _B	↓	•	•	•
Savannah Sparrow	<by1921	D _B	↑	•	•	•
Song Sparrow		D _B	↑	•	•	•
Lincoln's Sparrow ^B			↔	•	•	•
Swamp Sparrow ^B		D _B	↑	•	•	•
Eastern Towhee		D _B	↑	•	•	•

SWALLOWS

TREE - *clean white underside and sharp contrast between cheek & throat*



NORTHERN ROUGH WING - *brownish throat that does not contrast with cheeks*



THRUSHES

Veery - uniformly reddish-brown upperparts,
indistinct breast spotting, pale eye-ring
smaller than robin



Hermit – cinnamon tail different than body
- thin white eye ring,
- distinct spots on chest that fade



sustained whistle & soft echo-like song

Wood – large, bolder spots
flute like song



WOODPECKERS

HAIRY vs DOWNY



Hairy (left) and Downy Woodpecker. Illustrations: Roger Tory Peterson

- Hairy has all white tail feathers
- Hairy has longer beak
- Hairy prefers tall trees and deeper woods

YELLOW BELLIED SAPSUCKER



- Males have red throat
- Vertical white wing patches

NORTHERN FLICKER



- Black throat & white rump

RED BELLIED NORTHERN FLICKER



RED HEADER WOODPECKER



WRENS

CAROLINA WREN



HOUSE WREN



- Smallest
- Dark barring on wings, paler throat

WINTER WREN



- Forests
- Weak pale eyebrow
- Holds tail up
- ♪ warble with trills

SONGBIRD SONGS

- **Red-eyed Vireos** sing a rapid series of short, repeated phrases, "here I am, where are you?"
- **American Robins** sing more varied w/extended phrases and pauses "cheer-up, cheerily".