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## SNEAKY, STREAKY BROWN JOBS: a workshop on sparrows revisited

By popular demand, *Bird Observer* is pleased to once again offer a workshop on fall sparrows, one of the most challenging groups of birds to confront Massachusetts birders. Sparrows occur seasonally in weed fields, gardens, and salt marshes, along woodland edges, and at bird feeders. Their conservative plumages and often furtive habits make them both a challenge to identify and a task to locate. Yet, their songs are among the richest in the bird world. Participants will be introduced to various facets of sparrow natural history, including habitat preferences, breeding behavior, status in Massachusetts, and both song and field recognition characteristics. A field trip will provide direct field experience during the height of fall sparrow migration.

**Leader: Wayne R. Petersen. Seminar: Friday, October 6, 1995 (7:30-9:30 PM). Field Trip: Saturday, October 7, 1995. Cost: \$35.** The seminar session will be held in Needham, MA. Location of the field trip will be announced at the seminar. If you have questions, please call 617-666-8934 (evenings).

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