

# Henslow's sparrow

## *Centronyx henslowii*

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Aves  
Order: Passeriformes  
Family: Passerellidae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

Henslow's sparrow is about five inches long. The striped, green-brown head is flattened. The light breast has dark stripes. The wings are rust-red. There are two dark stripes below the eye.

### BEHAVIORS

Henslow's sparrow is an uncommon migrant and summer resident statewide and a very rare winter resident in southern Illinois. Spring migration begins in mid-April. Fall migrants start to leave in mid-October. This species winters in the pine forests of the Gulf Coast states. It lives in tall grasslands and fallow fields with little to no trees or shrubs feeding on seeds, insects and fruits.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

none

**Woodland Habitats**

coniferous forests

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie