

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## QUIZ 176

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Two similar sparrows, each in two views: can you identify them without relying on color markings?



Link to ponder: [HBW BirdLife Taxonomy version 7.0](#)

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## American Tree Sparrow

The robust form, heavy bill base, and broad white wingbars (the upper often partly concealed by fluffed scapulars and breast feathers) are characteristic. This beautiful sparrow is an uncommon winterer in our immediate area, most easily seen on roadsides and at feeders after a snowfall.

## Chipping Sparrow

The fine, sharply pointed bill is quite different from the thick and heavy bill of the tree sparrow, and the black eye line sharply divides the cheek from the rest of the head. This tiny bird is a very common summer resident in parks and yards, and increasing numbers now linger into winter.



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Southwest Wings

