

APPENDIX V  
UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS  
UTAH BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

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Lat/long \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name White-throated sparrow  
Scientific Name Zonotrichia albicollis  
Obs. date 9 Feb 92 Time(s) 3:45 pm (1545)'  
Duration of obs. 1 1/2 minute  
Distance from bird six yds.  
Light conditions cloudy  
Optical equip. 10x50 Pentax/7x35 Bushnell  
Photo equip. none  
Notes made at time of sighting X Date report prepared 9 Feb 92  
Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_

Weather at time of this observation.  
high 53°, low 30°, cloudy

Prior weather and number of days since change  
similar for previous week, occas.  
precip., gradually warming

Locality North end Mathison Wetlands  
Preserve, road on N. side of manmade  
ponds

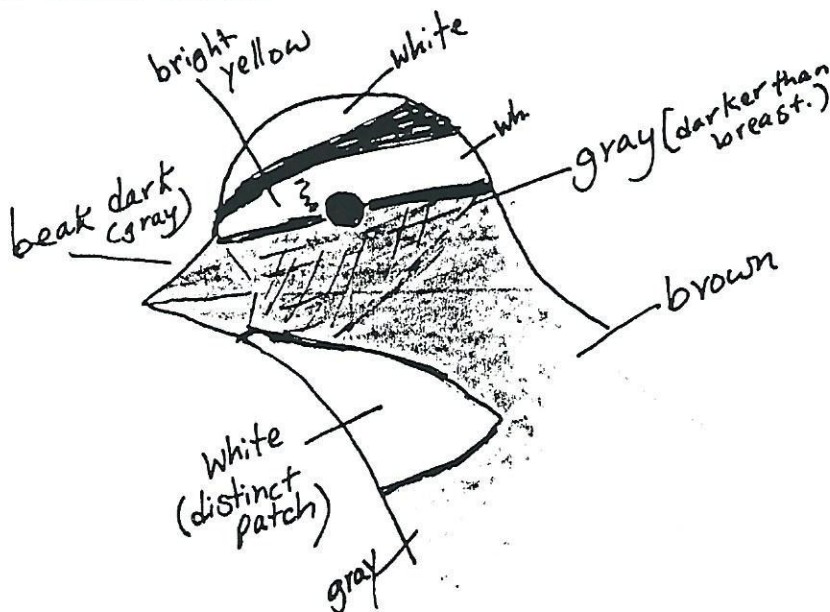
Lat/long block number 18

Enter number of birds in each category. Total number observed. <u>1</u>	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S) <u>white streaked phase</u>	PHOTO(S) <u>none</u>
	Males _____ Females _____ ♀ or Imms _____ Unknowns <u>1</u>	Adults <u>1</u> Juv/Imms _____ 2/3 yr birds _____ Unknowns _____	Breeding _____ Transition _____ Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____ Winter _____ Light ph. _____ Other <u>Adult same year Young</u>	Available _____ Enclosed _____

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.

The bird was very similar in size to the White-crowned sparrows with which it was associated. It had a black and white striped head pattern very similar to the White-crowned--white crown, then a black stripe, white eyebrow, and thinner black eyestripe. In the eyebrow from beak to eye(lore area) was bright yellow. Throat was bright clear white in the shape of base of a triangle with the beak cutting off the apex. Cheek area between black eyeline and white throat was very gray. Breast was a lighter gray but a strong contrast to the white throat patch. No streaks on breast or flanks, no central breast spot. Lower belly grayish-white. Wings, back, tail similar to White-crowned sparrow. Tail longish and brown, back with thick stripes, rump plain brown, wings streaked with two white wingbars. Beak darkish(gray), both upper and lower mandibles, short and conical. Legs appeared grayish pink.

The bird was perched about 10 feet high, 15-18 feet away. It shifted on the branch so 2/3 of front visible. Most of view was side and back. It was clearly in view through some branches, however when it flew farther away it was immediately obscured by the thick brush.



Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

none

Variations from expected field marks.

none

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

White-crowned sparrow-has bright orange-pink or orange yellow beak, no yellow on lores. Some have pale throats but not a clear bright white patch.  
Harris' sparrow-has no distinct, clear black and white stiped head pattern.  
Golden-crowned sparrow-has yellow crown area, has only one heavy black line over the eye rather than a white eyebrow,

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

The bird was perched on a branch, moved about, then flew. No other birds were right near it, although robins, white-crowned sparrows, and at least one Harris' sparrow, and song sparrows were in the same location feeding on the ground and occasionally on Russian Olive berries.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Russian Olive and other brush/small trees near the Colorado River on a road bank along manmade ponds

Describe bird's song or sounds.

none

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Gail-familiar w/White-crowns, many in area & feeders  
Harris'-seen 3 winters, feeder & this location. Golden-crowned-seen once, this location  
Esther-Familiar with white-throated during 50 summers in Canada

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.  
Esther Keyser

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