

UTAH FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS
SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING RECORD DOCUMENTATION

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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. MAY - 3 1982 - 013
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Golden-crowned Sparrow

Scientific Name Zonotrichia atricapilla
 Sight date Jan. 5, 7 & 8, 1982: numerous sightings
 time _____ duration _____

Distance from bird 15 - 30 ft.

Light conditions Usually from side, or with bird back lighted

Optical equip. Prescrip. glasses; 6X18 binoc.

Photo equip. _____

Number of this species seen One

Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared. _____

Notes made later from memory _____

Photo available Photo enclosed 4/26/82

Weather at time of this observation.
 Snow of Jan. 5; clear and cold on Jan. 7 & 8.

Prior weather & number of days since change.
 Snow & rain from Dec. 31 to Jan. 2; partly cloudy & cold on Jan. 3 & 4.

Locality
 At my residence in the north end of Springdale, Wash. Co., Utah
 37°12'N, 113°00'W.

Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Age unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Plumage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Light Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Subadult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	♀ or Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse <input type="checkbox"/>	Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

Description of bird. Size, Colors, all field marks: OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.
 A bird about the size of a White-crowned Sparrow. The breast, belly and flanks were light gray, shading toward white on the lower parts. The back was brown, streaked with darker brown and black markings. The cheeks and nape of the neck were also light gray. The head showed a black stripe above the eye; this stripe was much wider than that of the White-crowned Sparrows it was feeding with. The front part of the crown was yellow, but the back part was reddish-brown; the yellow usually was not visible when I was viewing the bird from the back.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL NOTES, LISTS OF REFERENCES, SKETCHES FROM LIFE, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

Back part of crown was brownish rather than yellow; yellow part of crown was visible only from the front.

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

White-crowned Sparrow. This bird was feeding among a large flock of White-crowned Sparrows, and the broader black band on the side of the head showed conspicuously.

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

It fed on a paved walk among many other seed-eating birds, usually without incident, although on a few occasions it was chased away by White-crowned Sparrows.

Habitat this location, and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Un-tended yard with a concrete walk used for bird feeding and a large Four-wing Saltbush nearby that is used by the birds for cover.

Describe birds song or sounds.

None

Names of other observers. A/C+phone#

None

What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have seen it many times in So. California, and have four previous observations in Zion Canyon.

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