

throat, brownish gray back streaked with reddish. Underneath gray shading to white and streaked with very dark brown. Tail, plain grayish brown; wings without bars; a black spot on breast.

RANGE: North America from the Arctic Regions to the Gulf.

MIGRATIONS: April and October or November.

SONG: Usually a full round note, three times repeated followed by a sweet, short, lively intricate strain in which the notes seem to fairly tumble over one another. It has few rivals as a songster.

NEST: *Position*,—in low bushes or shrubs. *Materials*,—weeds, grass and hair. *Eggs*,—whitish, tinged with blue or green and blotched and marked with brown. There are often three or four broods in a season, but the nest is never used for two consecutive broods.

FLIGHT: Inclined to be heavy and laboured the tail works up and down during flight. The bird rarely flies upward when disturbed.

FOOD: Cut-worms, caterpillars, plant-lice, canker-worms, ground-beetles, grasshoppers and flies; in winter, weed-seeds.

HABITS: Sings at all daylight hours and often in the night. Very neighbourly. Often singing and nesting near houses.