

DISTRIBUTION: Common throughout the
Atlantic and Northern New England.

MIGRATION: Winter residents. Common
seen from the first snow storm and fol-
lowing the snow northward in the spring.

SONG: A chirping twitter.

FLIGHT: Rarely higher than a bush or
fence—almost a ground bird.

FOOD: Seeds of weeds and plants.

HABITS: Instead of hopping like most of
the sparrow tribe, it walks over the heavy
fields, rarely perching higher than a bush or
fence rail. It seems to delight in icy winds
and snow storms and is irrepressibly cheerful,
fattening on a diet of seeds which it picks up
where other birds would starve.