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### Description [edit](#)

Adults are 18 cm (7 in) long. In the breeding season, it has a distinct gold patch on its head, flanked by two dark black stripes. When not breeding, its plumage is more variable, ranging from a small, dull gold patch and no black, to near-breeding season plumage.


### Distribution and habitat [edit](#)

The breeding habitat is across the north part of western Canada and the U.S. state of Alaska. In the winter the Golden-crowned Sparrow migrates to Vancouver Island in Canada and the West Coast of the United States.

### Behavior [edit](#)

The song is a three-note whistle, descending in pitch. It is very distinctive, and often described as "oh-dear-me". However, birds in the mountains of British Columbia have been reported to have trill on the third note, rather than a clear whistle as in other populations. These songs are heard mainly in the

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**Scientific classification**  
 Kingdom: Animalia  
 Phylum: Chordata  
 Class: Aves  
 Order: Passeriformes  
 Family: Emberizidae  
 Genus: *Zonotrichia*  
 Species: *Z. atricapilla*  
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