

Spanish Sparrow

Passer hispaniolensis

THREAT CATEGORY

CNEA	CAEA	LRAE	LRVA
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WHERE TO SEE IT

HUELVA	SEVILLA	CÓRDOBA	JAÉN
H-1	SE-1	CO-1	J-1
H-2	SE-2	CO-2	J-2
H-3	SE-3	CO-3	J-3
H-4	SE-4	CO-4	J-4
H-5	SE-5	CO-5	J-5
H-6	SE-6	CO-6	J-6
H-7	SE-7	CO-7	J-7
H-8	SE-8	CO-8	J-8
H-9	SE-9	CO-9	J-9
H-10	SE-10	CO-10	J-10
H-11	SE-11	CO-11	J-11
H-12	SE-12	CO-12	J-12
H-13	SE-13	CO-13	J-13
H-14	SE-14	CO-14	J-14
H-15	SE-15	CO-15	J-15
H-16			
H-17			

STATUS

Part of the population is sedentary; another part is only here in summer and another only in winter.

ABUNDANCE

Scarce.

HABITAT

This species prefers agricultural areas, whether pure cropland down in the campiña or combinations of dehesas and crops in more upland areas. Also turns up in dehesas and some areas of Mediterranean scrub. Nests in riparian thickets, Holm-Oak woods and nests of large birds (especially White Stork).



SEASONAL BEHAVIOUR

Seen all year, although with only fickle allegiance to each particular site. The Huelva colonies are summer visitors; in Seville there are spots where it is seen only in winter and others where it remains all year; in Jaén seems to be sedentary.

DISTRIBUTION

Its stronghold is the foothills and campiña of Jaén. In Córdoba very local in the Montoro campiña, with some other clusters in the higher reaches of Guadiato, Guadalquivir valley and the foot of Sierra de Hornachuelos. In Seville breeds in the livestock-rearing plains of Guadalquivir, the valleys of Viar and Benalija and, to a lesser extent, in other spots; in the cropland around José Torán Reservoir it is only a winter visitor. Very rare in Huelva, with a few pairs in livestock-grazing land in the northern part.