

Spizella pusilla* (Field Sparrow)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** Aves (Birds)**Order:** Passeriformes (Perching Birds)**Family:** Emberizidae (Bunting, Juncos, Longspurs, Sparrows And Towhees)**General comments:**

Concern species in BCR30; Steep declining trend 10yr -7.9 (-10.0 to -5.8) n=131 rtes, rel abund=5.5 bird per rte

Species Conservation Range Maps for Field Sparrow:Town Map: [Spizella pusilla_Towns.pdf](#)Subwatershed Map: [Spizella pusilla_HUC12.pdf](#)**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation: NA****State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA****Recent Significant Declines: NA****Regional Endemic: NA****High Regional Conservation Priority:**

Partners In Flight:

Regional Species of Concern: Yes, United States and Canada Species of Concern: No, Regional Stewardship Species: No

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA**Understudied rare taxa: NA****Historical: NA****Culturally Significant: NA****Habitats Assigned to Field Sparrow:****Formation Name Agricultural**

Macrogroup Name Agricultural

Formation Name Grassland & Shrubland

Macrogroup Name Ruderal Shrubland & Grassland

Formation Name Northeastern Upland Forest

Macrogroup Name Central Oak-Pine

Macrogroup Name Northern Hardwood & Conifer

Stressors Assigned to Field Sparrow:

No Stressors Currently Assigned to Field Sparrow or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Field Sparrow:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to Field Sparrow or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Conservation Actions Associated with the Grassland Guild:

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Conservation Action	Category: Public Outreach	Biological Priority: high	Type: new
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Develop a program to inform small landowners of the best methods for keeping fields open for grassland wildlife

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Livestock Farming and Ranching

Conservation Action	Category: Species Management	Biological Priority: high	Type: new
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Develop a BMP guide for farmers to minimize negative effects of cutting hay/silage during the grassland bird nesting season. NRCS recommendations should be viewed as a start with increased emphasis on timing, field size, and bird behavioral cues.

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Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.