

# Black-throated Sparrow

*Amphispiza bilineata*

The striking Black-throated Sparrow is a denizen of open deserts of the western United States and Mexico.

## Keys to Identification

### Adult Description

- Black throat.
- Gray body.
- White face stripes.
- White tips to outer tail feathers.

### Immature Description

Juvenile similar, without black throat, but with dusky streaks and spots across chest.

### Cool Facts

- The Black-throated Sparrow establishes and holds a large territory during nest construction and egg laying. Once incubation starts, the territory boundary shrinks, and the male becomes less responsive to intruders.

## Measurements

### Both Sexes

- Length - 4.7 - 5.5 inches
- Weight - 0.4 - 0.5 ounces

