

THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

QUIZ



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**Any idea what this bird might be?
It was photographed in Bloomfield, NJ in April.**

While you are pondering, here are some useful links:

[Charles Waterton, Wanderings](#). One of the most eccentric of nineteenth-century British naturalists—and that's saying a lot—Waterton's book is a mix of tall tales, rigorous science, and personal venom.

[Classic Illustrated Zoologies](#). The New York Public Library holds a vast collection of natural history books, many of them beautifully illustrated—and available online for free.

[James Jobling, Key to Scientific Names](#). If you've ever wondered ... just about anything about the names of birds, James Jobling has tracked it down.

[Jan Freedman, Bring Out Your Dead](#). Do we really need museums and all those dead birds anymore? The answer is yes.

[Ornithological Books On Line](#). Just a small selection, but well chosen.

[Hamilton Book: Birds and Birding](#). Excellent prices on more or less randomly selected titles.

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White-throated Sparrow

White-throated sparrows are extremely variable in spring, with white-striped adults at their very brightest and some (presumably) tan-striped (presumably) first-cycle individuals extremely dull. Even the blandest, brownest, streakiest bird can still be identified by its large size, long tail, jagged wing bars, striped head, and dark bill.



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