



# Bird Calls

Newsletter of the Bastrop County Audubon Society

**Can you tell a Swamp Sparrow from a Chipping Sparrow?** What are those little brown birds (LBBs) arriving at your feeder this winter? Program Chair David Mitchell has arranged a timely program for the October meeting. Dr. Byron Stone will prepare us for the ID challenges with his presentation "Sparrowman's Twenty-Sparrow Day."

"Doc" Stone is an Austin physician and a lifelong naturalist who calls Central Texas "Sparrow Heaven." He is known in Texas as "Dr. Birdie" and "Sparrowman". Birding since about 1972, he is a former member of the TBRC (Texas Bird Records Committee), immediate Past-President of Texas Ornithological Society (TOS), statewide and regional eBird reviewer since about 2009, and has taught classes and workshops on bird identification for Travis Audubon Society since 2001. He is co-founder of SparrowFest, an event conducted annually in February at Balcones Canyonlands NWR.

The Bastrop County Audubon Society general meeting occurs on Tuesday evening **October 17, at 7:00** p.m. at the First National Bank of Bastrop second floor meeting room. Join us for dinner at Bastrop's Mediterranean Grill beforehand at 5:00. RSVP [ssimon1221@yahoo.com](mailto:ssimon1221@yahoo.com)