

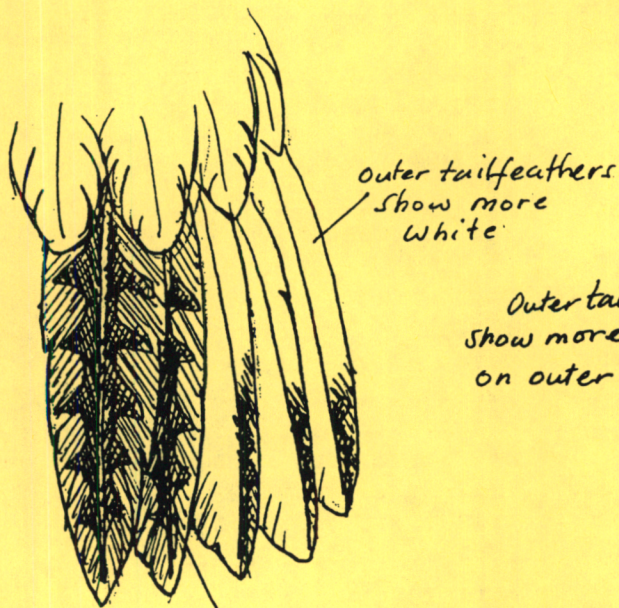
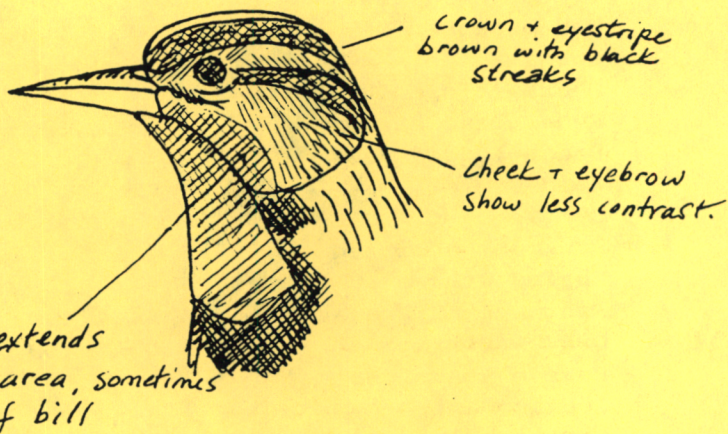
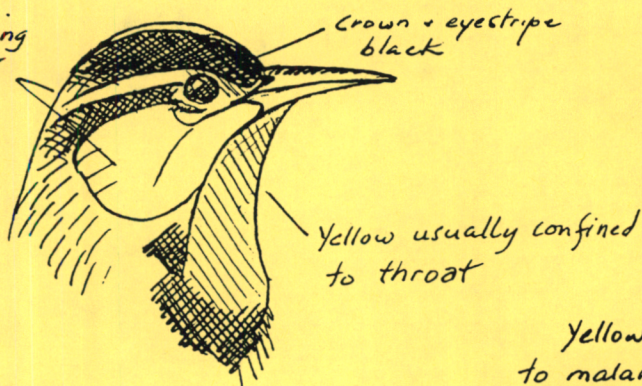
Meadowlark. However, take care in your judgment, take lots of pictures and hearing the bird call wouldn't hurt (the eastern call is a high, buzzy "drzzt" while the western is a low, throaty, explosive "chuck".)

Editors Note: It is very important that any meadowlarks sighted in P.E.I. BE EXAMINED CLOSELY using the field marks noted in Jim's article. Jim is a birder and bird carver and helped establish the New Brunswick bird hotline. Dwayne Sabine noted that New Brunswick had its first confirmed Western Meadowlark last winter but a subsequent check of winter meadowlark specimens in the N.B. Museum revealed that several specimens of the Western Meadowlark had been incorrectly labeled as the Eastern Meadowlark. This winter both an Eastern and Western Meadowlark were reported at New Brunswick feeders.

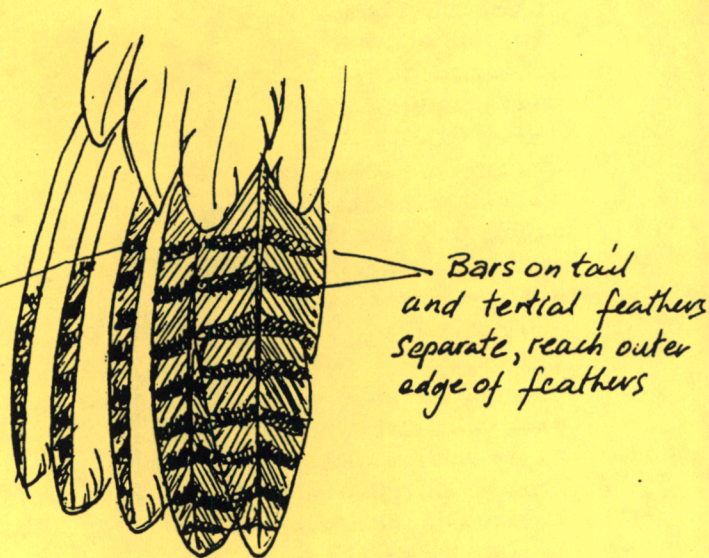
### Eastern Meadowlark

### Western Meadowlark

highly contrasting  
cheek +  
eyebrow



outer tailfeathers  
show more dark  
on outer web



Bars on tailfeathers and  
tertials are confluent  
(run together) at the quill,  
usually do not reach  
outer edge of feather

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Generally accepted differences  
between  
Eastern + Western Meadowlarks