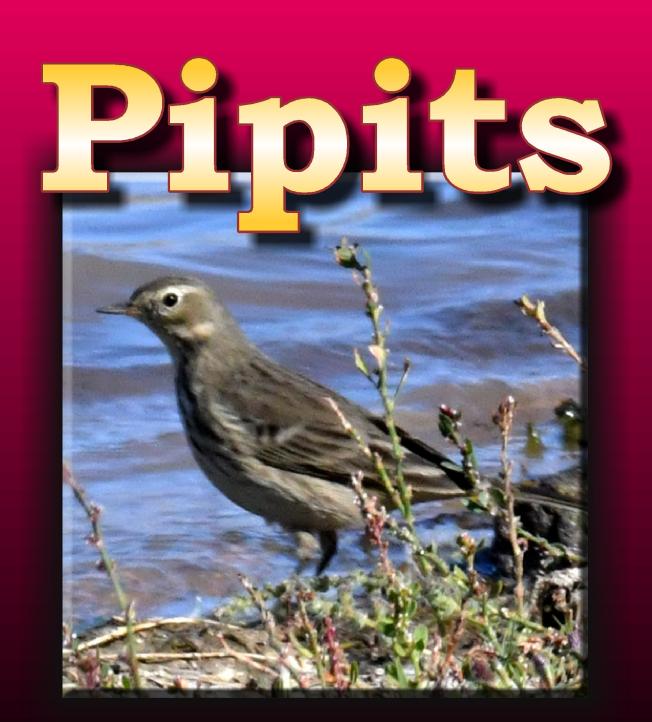
# PASSERIF()RMES (Songbirds)

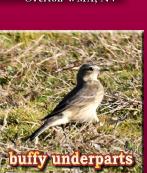


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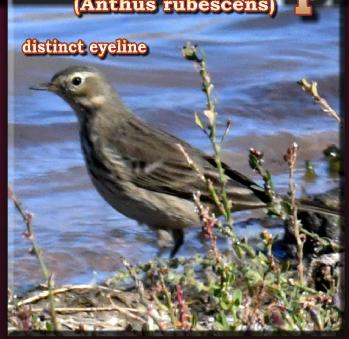
American Pipit



Overton WMA; NV



Lorenzi Park: LV, NV



Overton Wildlife Management Area; Overton, NV



Overton WMA; NV



LV Municipal GC; LV, NV

### Measurements:

Length: 6" Wing Span: 10" Average Weight: .8 oz

## Distinguishing Field Characteristics:

small size; lightly streaked to mottled gray-brown above, buffy below with brown streaks on breast and flanks; brown tail with white outer feathers (seen in flight); pale lores and distinct whitish eyeline; short thin bill, black to yellowish with dark tip; dark eyes, long legs; no sexual dimorphism

# Notes:

common; social in small groups; inhabits open fields, meadows, grasslands, shorelines, etc., throughout NA and parts of Asia; mainly a ground bird, preferring to walk rather than fly; aka Buff-Bellied Pipit (in Eurasia); 4 subspecies; forages on the ground for insects and seeds

Mojave presence: winter range

### **Comments:**

At a casual glance, pipits can be mistaken for sparrows (though pips are larger, and their bills are thinner and straighter), and if spotted foraging along a shoreline (such as the ones above at the Overton Wildlife Management Area), can be reminiscent of sandpipers. With a practiced eye, however, their identity is easily reckoned by the bill shape, foraging habit, and the distinct, pale streak above the eyes.

