

What is Little Bunting?

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About Little Bunting:

- It is a **passerine bird** belonging to the bunting family (Emberizidae).
- **Scientific Name:** *Emberiza pusilla*
- **Distribution:**
 - It breeds across the taiga of the far **northeast of Europe** and **northern Eurosiberia** to the **Russian Far East**.
 - It is **migratory, wintering** in the **subtropics in northern India, southern China**, and the northern parts of Southeast Asia.
- **Features:**
 - This is a **small bunting**, measuring only 12-14 cm (4.7-5.5 in) in length.
 - It has **white underparts** with **dark streaking on the breast and sides**.

- With its chestnut face and white malar stripe, it resembles a small female reed bunting, but has black crown stripes, a white eye-ring, and a fine dark border to the rear of its chestnut cheeks.
- The **sexes are similar**.
- The call is a distinctive zik, and the song is a rolling siroo-sir-sir-siroo.

- **IUCN Red List: Least Concern**

Q1: What is a passerine bird?

A passerine or passeriform is a member of the order Passeriformes, the largest order of birds, containing more than half of all species. They are also known as perching birds or, less accurately, as songbirds

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