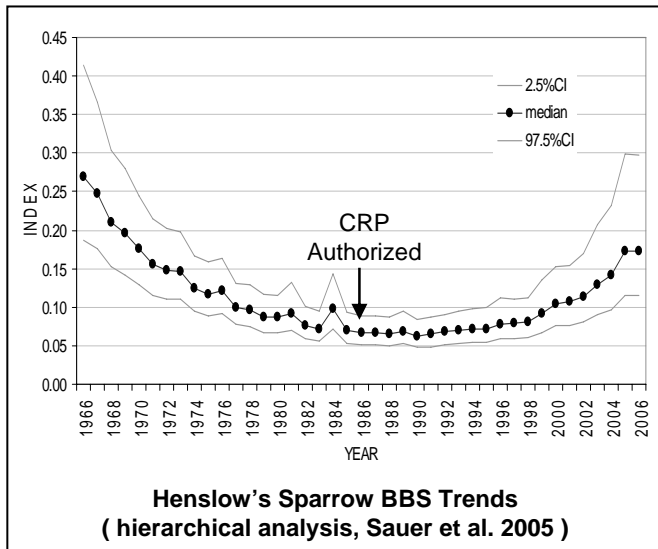
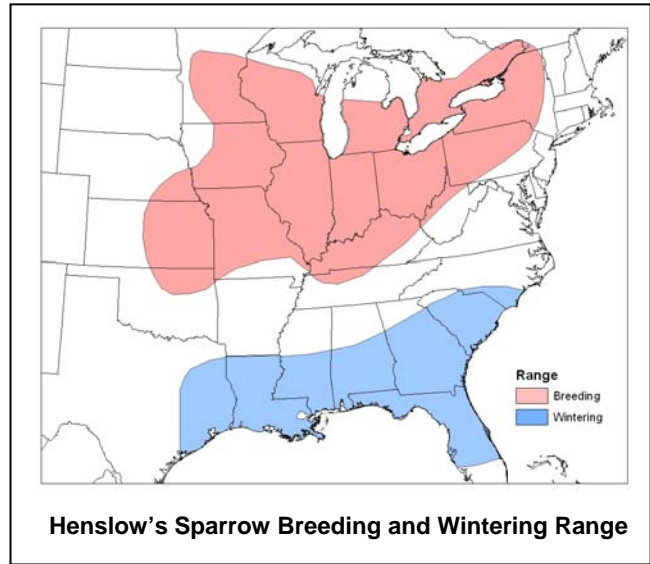




Henslow's Sparrow Conservation

General Biology

- Henslow's Sparrow breeds throughout the Upper Midwest and winters along the Gulf and lower Atlantic Coasts.
- Data from the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) and other studies have indicated a recent westward expansion of its breeding range.
- The species prefers to nest in grass parcels >30 ha in size, with tall dense vegetation and a thick litter layer.
- Henslow's Sparrow winters primarily in long-leaf pine savanna with a recent growing-season fire history.



Population Trend and CRP

- Declining population trend of -8.04% /year from 1966-1989 was the steepest decline detected by the Breeding Bird Survey for any songbird in North America.
- An increasing trend of $+4.07\%$ /year from 1990-2005 corresponds to the authorization of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- Recent studies have shown a link between increasing population trends for Henslow's Sparrow and CRP both in Illinois and across its breeding range.
- A projected 2.1 million acres of CRP will be lost in states within the species' breeding range from 2007 through 2010.

