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Field Sparrow

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I was playing an Eastern Screech Owl tape and a large number of American Tree Sparrows began to respond. As they flew in, I began taking them over. I observed 2 individuals sitting relatively close to one another. They had bright pink bills and a well defined white eye ring. They also had pinkish legs. This is how I distinguished them as Field Sparrows as opposed to American Tree Sparrows. The birds also lacked the central breast "stick pin" of the American Tree Sparrows. Light conditions were good and the birds were only 20-30 feet away. I was using Leica Ultra 10x42 binoculars.