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Alaudidae the LARKS

The Lark family is made up of 97 species of cryptically colored songbirds found mostly throughout Eurasia, Africa, and the Americas. These birds spend much of their time searching for food on the ground, where their generally drab colors provide excellent camouflage. Larks range from 5 to 9 inches long, and they have relatively long pointed wings. Their hind toe is pointed backwards, and it has a long straight claw to help add stability while the bird is foraging on the ground. The Horned Lark is the only true member of the Lark family native to North America.