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Rare Visitor to Minnesota and First for Polk County

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A Eurasian Tree Sparrow made a stop on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus this week. Known for its chocolate-colored crown and black throat and cheeks, the sparrow is commonly found around St. Louis, Mo. The sighting of the bird in the Nature Nook near Owen Hall is the first Polk County record and only the ninth in Minnesota. Vanessa Lane, a lecturer in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department noted that it is "unusual for this non-native species to be spotted so far from its home in Missouri." For more on the Eurasian Tree Sparrow, visit <http://birds.audubon.org/birds/eurasian-tree-sparrow>.

Photo by John Zak, University Relations.

In the photo the Eurasian Tree Sparrow is on the lower left and a House Sparrow is at the upper right.

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