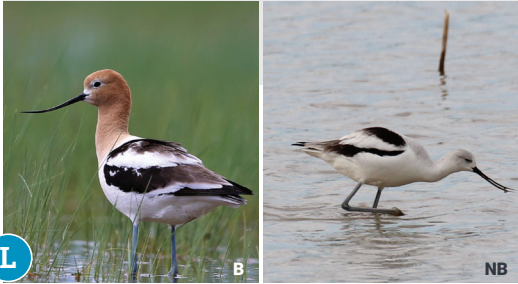


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**American Avocet**  
*Recurvirostra americana*



L

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**ID TIP:** Long, thin, upturned bill. No black on head or neck.

**Black-necked Stilt**  
*Himantopus mexicanus*



L

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**ID TIP:** Shorter, straighter bill than Avocet.

**Long-billed Curlew**  
*Numenius americanus*



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**ID TIP:** Larger body and longer bill than any other species.

**Willet**  
*Tringa semipalmata*



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**ID TIP:** Drab grey bird when standing, bright black and white wings in flight.

**Greater Yellowlegs**  
*Tringa melanoleuca*



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**ID TIP:** Bill roughly twice as long as head. More likely in vegetation than many species.

**Lesser Yellowlegs**  
*Tringa flavipes*

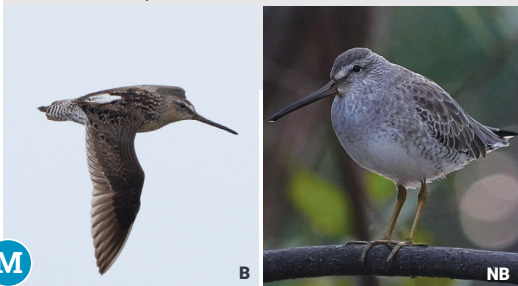


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**ID TIP:** Bill roughly the same length as head. Overall more proportionate than Greater.

**Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher**  
*Limnodromus sp.*



M

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Species very similar. White wedge on back during flight. Stands still and probes straight up and down in a "sewing machine" motion.

**Buff-breasted Sandpiper**  
*Calidris subruficollis*



M

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Short pointed bill, "scaly" back pattern. Commonly found in upland areas.

**Killdeer**  
*Charadrius vociferus*




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**ID TIP:** Black double collar. Constant distinctive "killdeer" call. Occurs in more developed areas.



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**American Golden-Plover**  
*Pluvialis dominica*



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**ID TIP:** Similar to Black-bellied Plovers but daintier, smaller sharper bill, and black underside extends all the way to the rump.

**Wilson's Phalarope**  
*Phalaropus tricolor*



M

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Reddish-brown back, grey crown. Spins in circles while foraging.

**Ruddy Turnstone**  
*Arenaria interpres*



M

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Short, sharp bill. Black neck, chest, and facial markings in all seasons.

**Dunlin**  
*Calidris alpina*



S

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Long bill downturned at the end. Black belly spot in breeding. Probes while walking.

**Semipalmated Plover**  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*



S

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**ID TIP:** Short blunt bill with orange base and grey tip. Single dark collar.

**Pectoral Sandpiper**  
*Calidris melanotos*

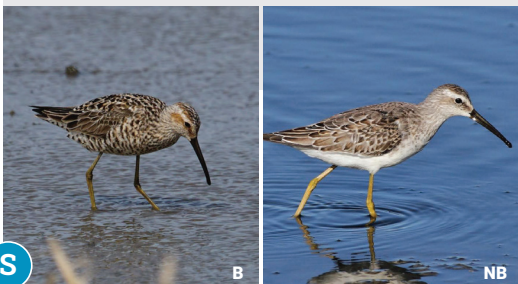


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**ID TIP:** Neck and breast stippled light and dark brown, very distinct from white belly.

**Stilt Sandpiper**  
*Calidris himantopus*



S

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Distinct white eyebrow. Avoids saltwater.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper**  
*Calidris pusilla*



S

J F M A M J J A S O N D

**ID TIP:** Short, blunt bill. Orange streak above the eye in breeding plumage.



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