

North American Shorebirds and the Habitats They Use

<i>Species</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Breeding</i>	<i>Migrating</i>	<i>Habitats</i> <i>Wintering</i>
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	T	FM	SM, FM, SB
American Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	T	G	SM, FM, G
Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	T	Nonstop	G
Snowy Plover*	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	SB, SM	SB, SM	SB, SM
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	SB	SM, FM	SM, FM, SB
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	SM, FM	SB	SM, FM
Piping Plover**	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	SB	SB	SB
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	G	G	G
Mountain Plover***	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	G	G	G
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	SM, RIW	SM	SM
Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>	RIW	SM, RIW	SM, RIW
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	FM	SM, FM	SM, FM
American Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	SM	SM, FM	SM, FM
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	FM	SM, FM	SM, FM
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	FM	SM, FM	SM, FM
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	FM	FM	FM
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	SM	SM, SB	SM, SB
Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanus</i>	FM, SR	RIW	RIW
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	SR	SR, SM	SR, SW
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	G	G	G
Eskimo Curlew****	<i>Numenius borealis</i>	T	G	G
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	T, SR	FM, G	SM, SB
Bristle-thighed Curlew	<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	T	G, SB, SM	G, SB, SM
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i>	G	FM	FM
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	FM, SR	FM, SM	FM, SM
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	T	FM, SM	FM, SM
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	G, FM, SM	SM	SM
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	T	SB, RIW	SB, RIW
Black Turnstone	<i>Arenaria melanocephala</i>	SM	RIW, SB	RIW, SB
Surfbird	<i>Aphriza virgata</i>	T	RIW	RIW
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	T	SM, SB	SM
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	T	SB	SB
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	T	SB	SB
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	T	SB, SM	SB, SM
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	T	SM, SB, FM	SM, FM
White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	T	SB, SR, SM	SM
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	T	SM, FM	SM, FM
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	T	SM, FM	SM, FM
Purple Sandpiper	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	T	RIW	RIW
Rock Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ptilocnemis</i>	T	RIW	RIW
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	T	SM, FM	SM, FM
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Micropalama himantopus</i>	T	FM	FM
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	T	G	G, FM
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	FM	SM	SM
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	T	FM	FM
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	FM	FM	FM
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	FM	FM	FM
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	FM	SM, FM	FM
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	FM	SM, FM	Open Sea: These two species of shorebirds have lobed toes that allow them to swim. They are the only shorebirds that have this adaptation.
Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	T	FM, SM	

Shorebird species with asterisks are federally-threatened, endangered, or under consideration for listing.

* Only the Pacific Coast population of the Snowy Plover is federally-listed as threatened.

** The Piping Plover is federally-threatened except for a population of Great Lakes birds that are considered endangered.

*** The Mountain Plover is under consideration for listing as threatened across its Pacific and Central Flyway ranges.

**** Biologists suspect that the Eskimo Curlew is extinct; however, it is listed as endangered across its Central Flyway range.

Please Note: Many shorebirds use a wide variety of wetland or grassland habitats. This list only identifies the habitats in which you will most often find a particular shorebird.

Key

T = Tundra

SB = Sandy Beaches

SR = Streams and Rivers

RIW = Rocky Intertidal Wetlands

FM = Freshwater Marsh (includes freshwater lakes, streams, mudflats)

G = Grasslands (includes habitats that mimic grasslands, such as fields, yards, golf courses)

SM = Saltwater Marsh (includes saline lakes and mudflats)

