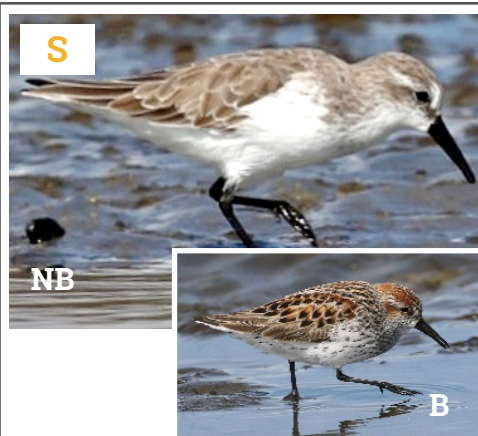


Shorebirds of Suisun Marsh



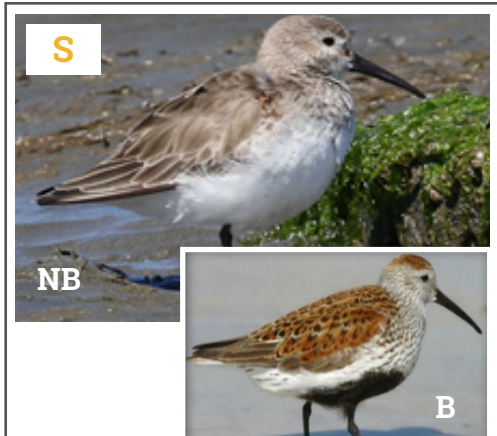
Least Sandpiper
Calidris minutilla

- » Brown upperparts
- » Very small with yellowish legs



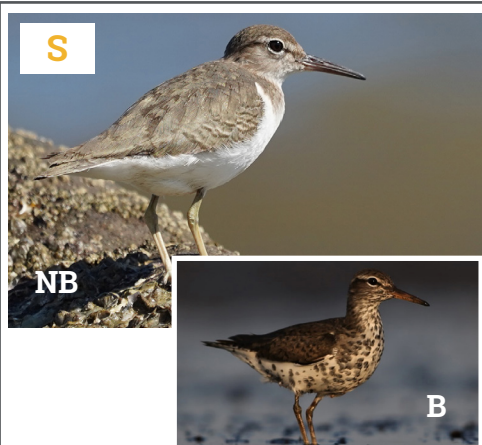
Western Sandpiper
Calidris mauri

- » Gray upperparts, very pale in winter
- » Black legs



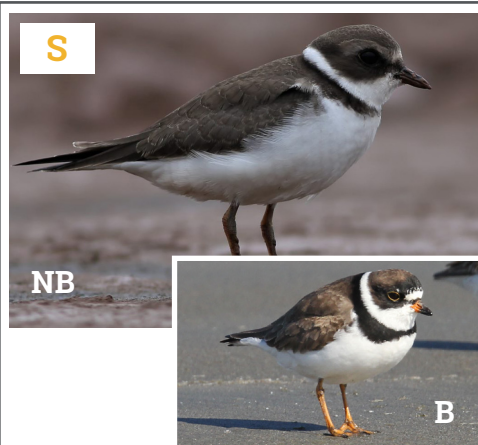
Dunlin
Calidris alpina

- » Larger than Least and Western Sandpipers
- » Black, droopy bill



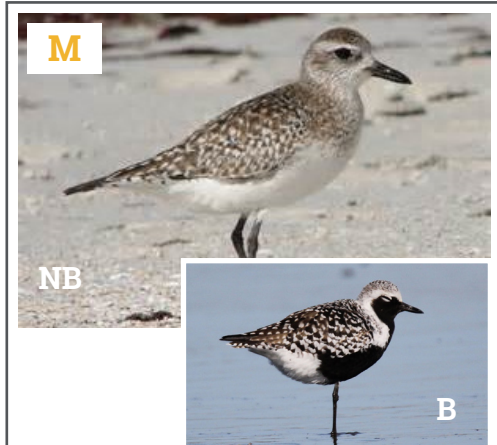
Spotted Sandpiper
Actitis macularius

- » Rump bobs up and down while walking



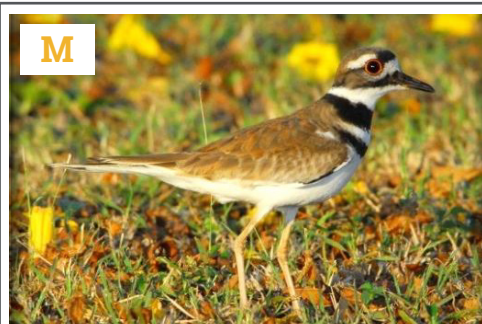
Semipalmated Plover
Charadrius semipalmatus

- » One black band on neck
- » Orange/yellow legs



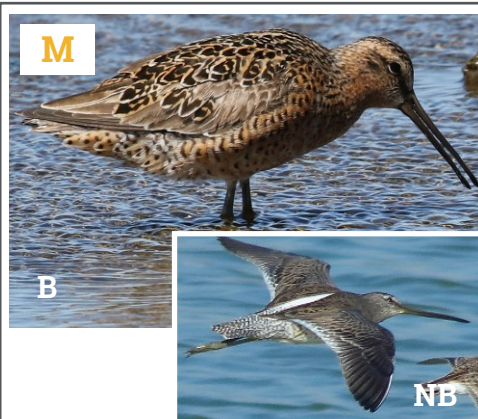
Black-bellied Plover
Pluvialis squatarola

- » Gray/mottled gray and white back
- » Black axillaries (armpit) visible in flight



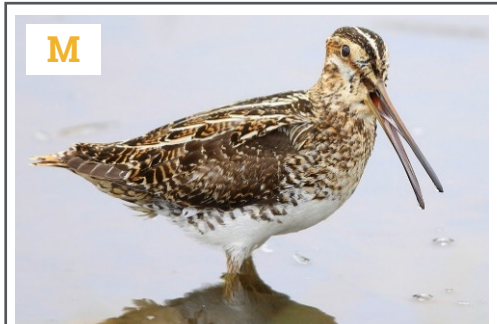
Killdeer
Charadrius vociferus

- » Brown back, white belly
- » Two black bands on neck



Short-billed/Long-billed Dowitcher
Limnodromus sp.

- » Species very similar, long straight bills
- » White wedge visible on back in flight
- » Feeds with sewing machine-like motion
- » Often in open water, sparse-vegetation



Wilson's Snipe
Gallinago delicata

- » Long, straight bill
- » Bold stripes on head and back
- » Often in dense vegetation, well camouflaged
- » Only shorebird in CA that can be hunted

M

Lesser Yellowlegs

Tringa flavipes

- » Bright yellow legs, white belly
- » Short, straight bill

L

Greater Yellowlegs

Tringa melanoleuca

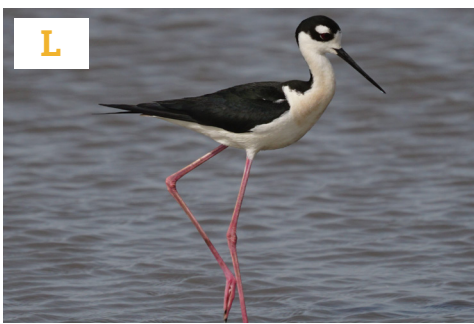
- » Larger than Lesser Yellowlegs
- » Bright yellow legs, white belly
- » Longer bill, slightly upturned

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Willet

Tringa semipalmata

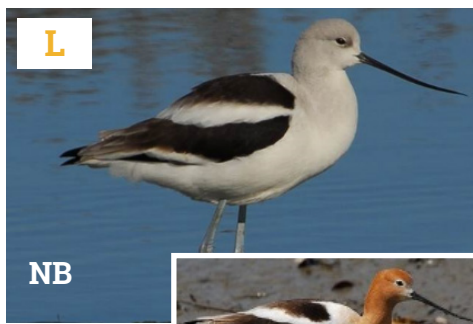
- » Overall gray/mottled gray back
- » Bold black and white stripes in flight

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Black-necked Stilt

Himantopus mexicanus

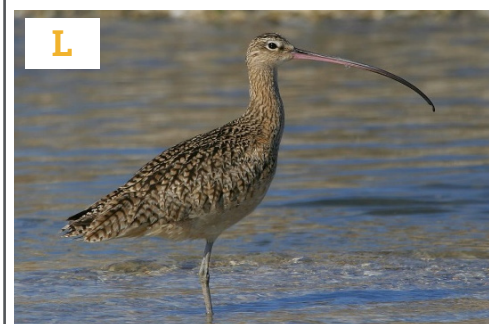
- » Black back, white belly
- » Long, red legs

L

American Avocet

Recurvirostra americana

- » Bill curves upward
- » Blueish legs, striped wings

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Long-billed Curlew

Numenius americanus

- » Long bill curves downward
- » Largest shorebird in North America

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Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

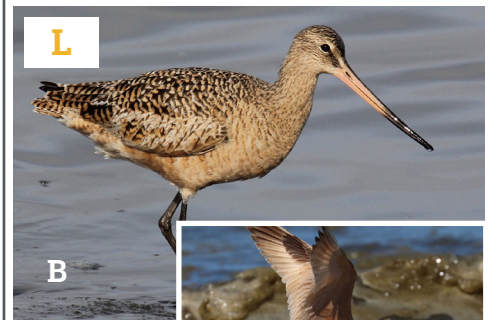
- » Body smaller and bill shorter than Long-billed Curlew
- » Bill curves downward
- » Brown and white head stripes


Small: < 8 in.


Medium: 8 - 14 in.


Large: > 14 in.

NB = Non-Breeding
B = Breeding

L

Marbled Godwit

Limosa fedoa

- » Orange bill with black tip
- » Bill curves slightly upward