

Large Plover Diagnosis

START
Large
2-banded
Plover?

Yes

KILLDEER
 2 bands, Long-tail,
 Long-wings
 Prominent eye
 Cinnamon tail & rump



No

Fawn colored?
 White belly?
 Winter?
 Correct Habitat?

No

Head
&
Neck?

bulky

delicate

BLACK-BELLIED
BILL: thick
TAIL COVERTS: always white
BELLY: white (winter)
CAP: pale, low contrast
WINGS: white stripes,
 Extension ~even with tail
ARMPITS: black (winter)
SEASON: spring & more in fall



AMERICAN-GOLDEN
BILL: delicate
TAIL COVERTS: black(S)
BELLY: gray(W)
CAP: dark, contrasting
WINGS: dark,
 extended beyond tail
SEASON: only spring



Yes

MOUNTAIN
BILL: thin
HEAD: large
COLOR: very plain fawn above, white below
FACE: whitish
HABITAT: grassy close-mown & ag- fields
SEASON: winter