

# 7 Habits for Mixed Shorebird Flocks

1. Find the **Reference Birds**
  - Killdeer
  - Greater Yellowlegs
  - Lesser Yellowlegs
  - **Least Sandpiper**
2. Compare Relative Sizes – **EVERY TIME YOU CHANGE VIEWS !!!!!**
3. Scan for Shorebird ID Groups
  - Distinct Shorebirds
  - Calidris Peeps
  - Curlews & Godwits .....
4. Scan for Color Differences
  - Especially different tones of white & brown
5. Scan for Behavior Differences
  - Stop n peck (plovers)
  - Probing (dowitchers, Stilt Sand, Dunlin, Wilson's Snipe)
  - Nibble at the surface (sandpipers)
  - Run from the waves
  - Scything
6. Scan for something different
7. Sort through every bird