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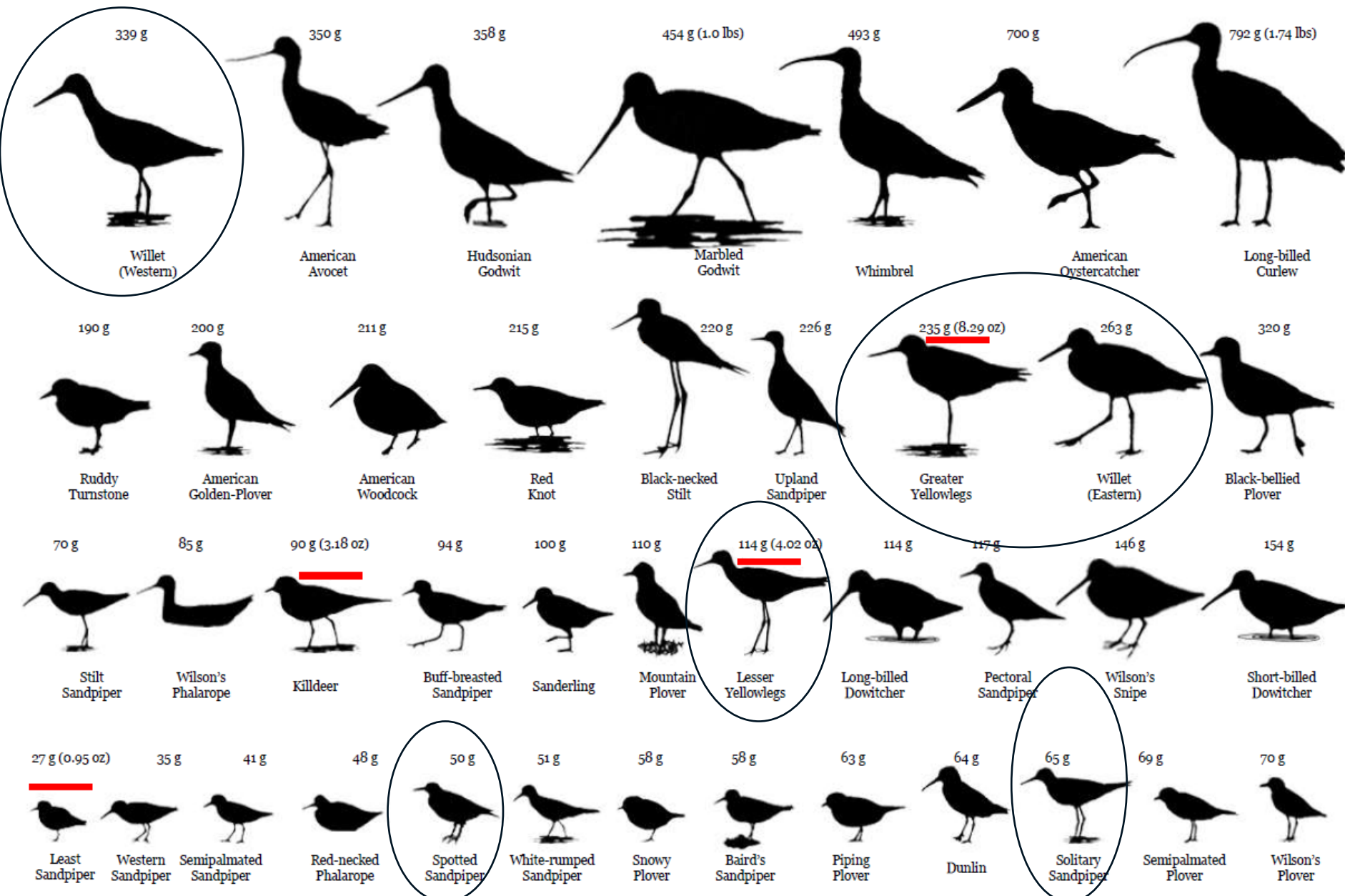
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SHOREBIRDS BY WEIGHT

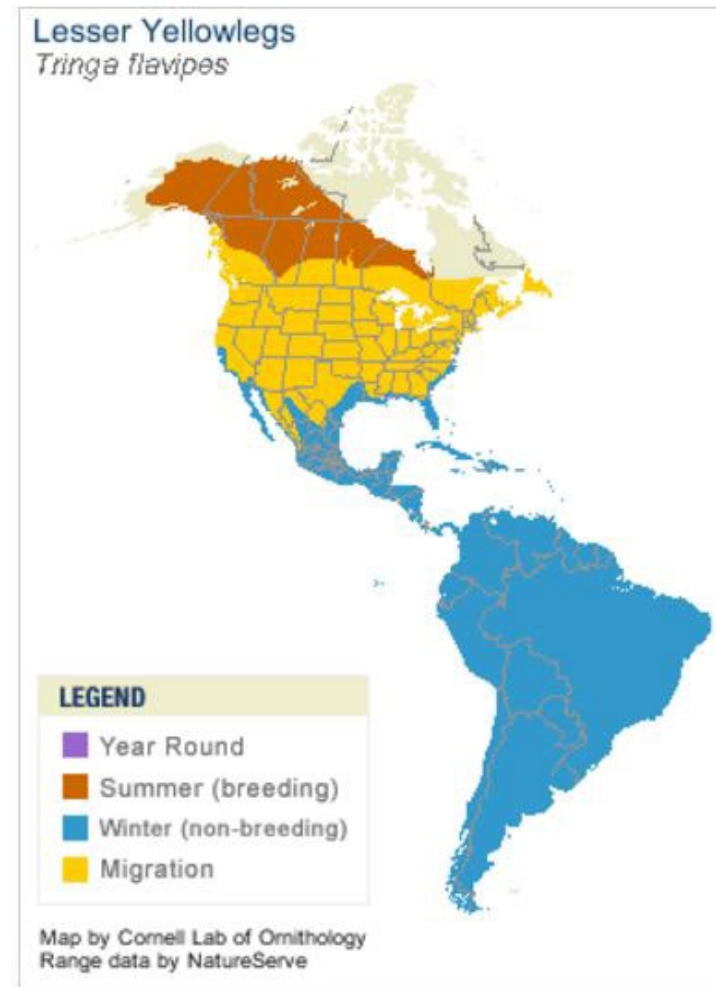


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Greater & Lesser Yellowlegs

Population Estimate
140,000

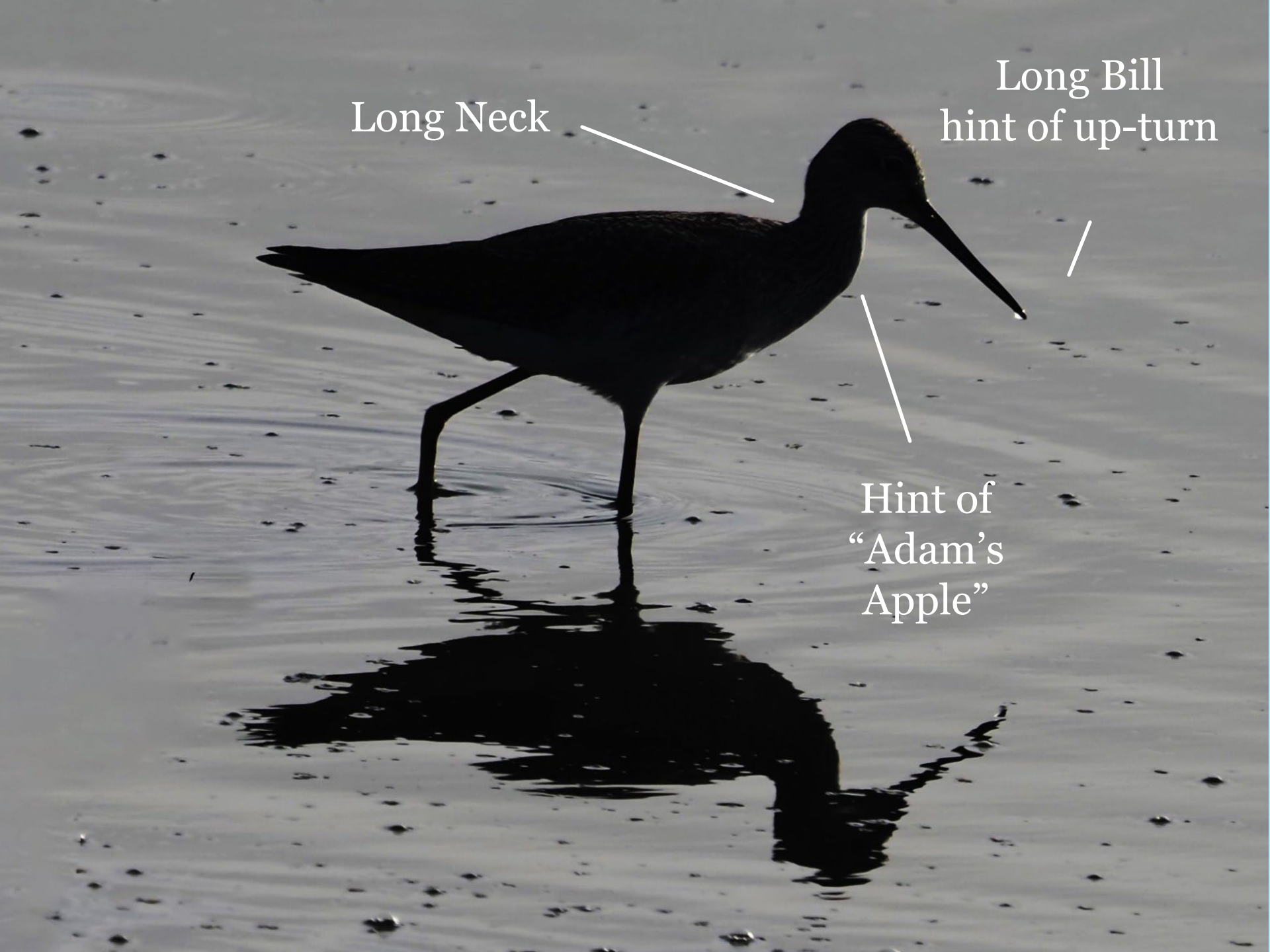
Population Estimate
660,000



Long Neck

Long Bill
hint of up-turn

Hint of
“Adam’s
Apple”



Basic



Alternate



More
Barring on
Flanks &
Belly

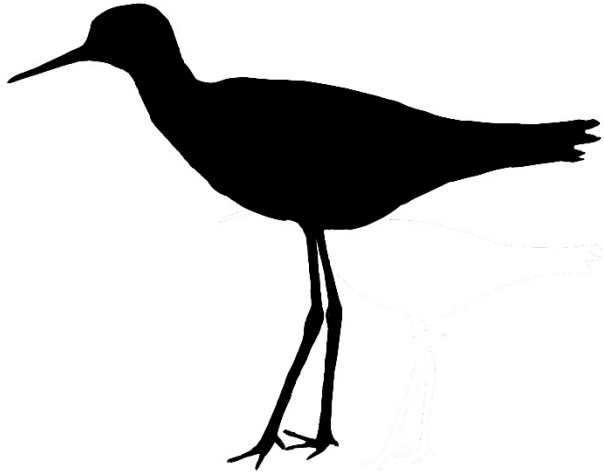
Lesser Yellowlegs



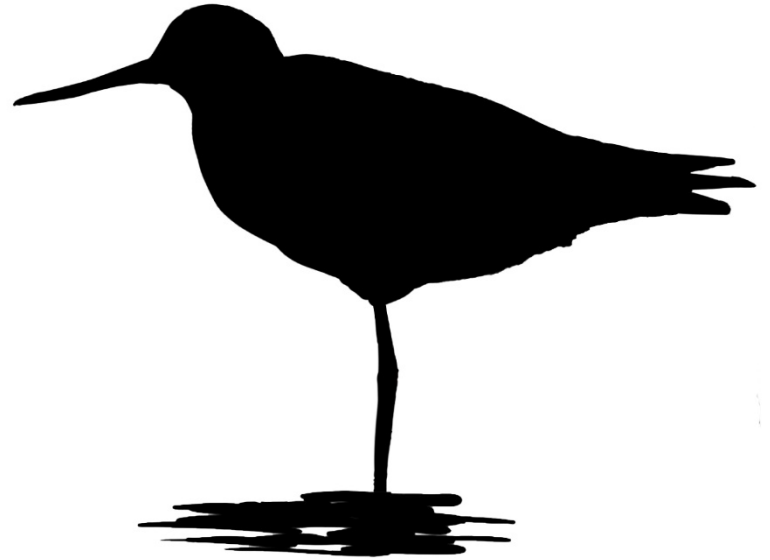
Slim,
Straight Bill

Less Barring
on Flanks

Greater Yellowlegs



“Delicate”



“Hefty”

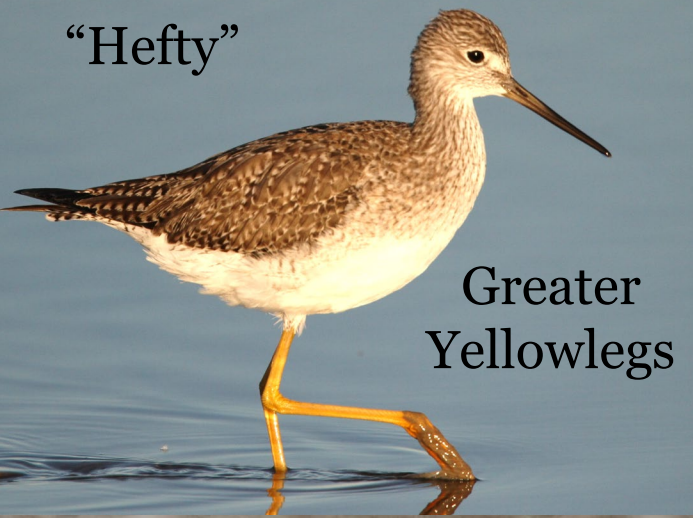
Non-breeding Plumage



Breeding Plumage



“Hefty”

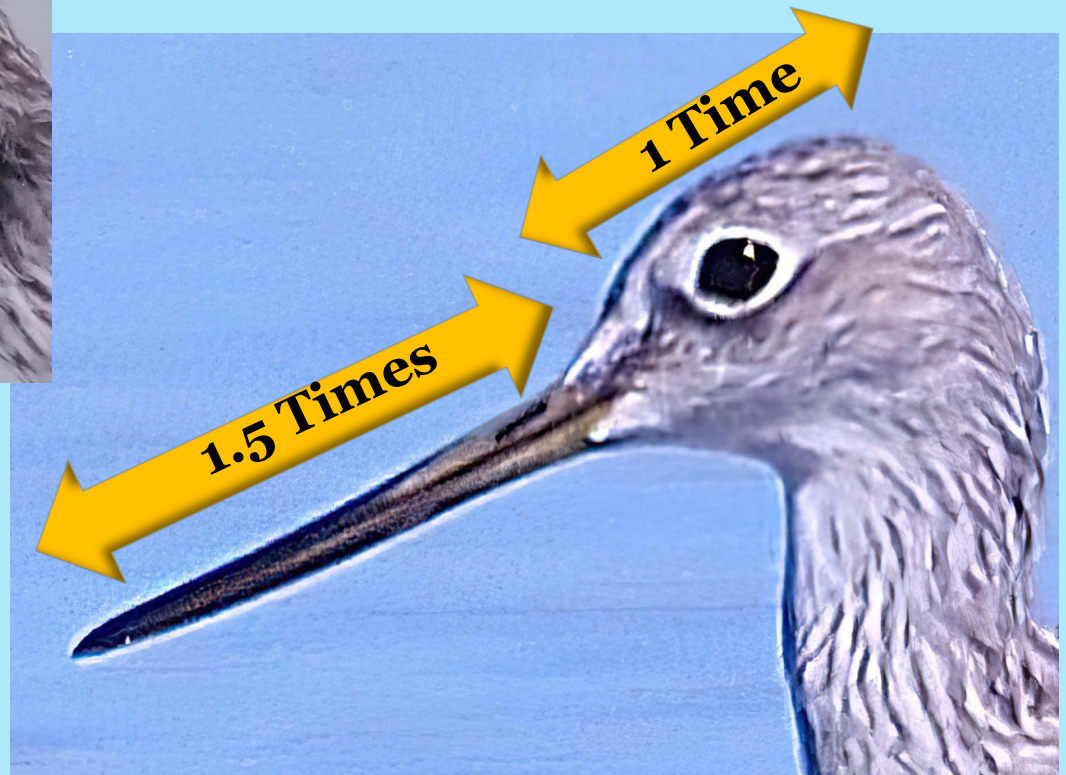
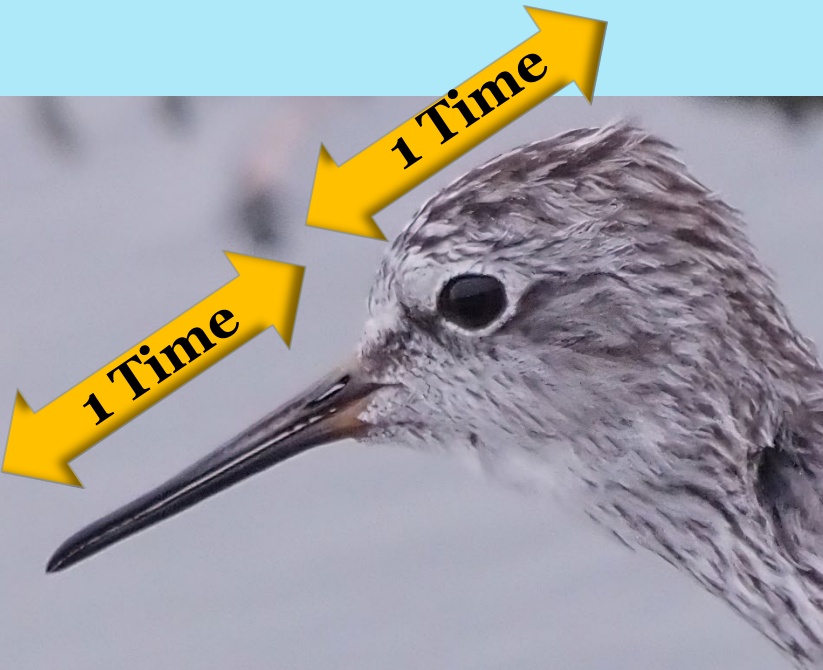


Greater
Yellowlegs



“Delicate”
Build

YELLOWLEGS DIAGNOSIS – **RELATIONAL** FIELD MARKS



Not just longer

Proportionally
Longer



Not just longer

Proportionally
Longer



Yellowlegs Relative Size

Slim,
Straight Bill

“Delicate”
Build



“Hefty”
Build



Lesser



Breeding Plumage
Barring on Flanks



Greater



“Hefty”

“Delicate”

Photo by Jeffrey E. Patterson

A photograph of three Greater Yellowlegs standing in a shallow marsh. The birds have long, thin bills and long, thin legs. They are surrounded by tall green grasses and blue water. The bird in the center is the largest, while the two on either side are smaller. The background is a dense thicket of green grasses.

“Hefty”

“Delicate”

A photograph of two shorebirds, likely sandpipers, standing on a beach of small pebbles and shells. The larger bird is in the foreground, and the smaller bird is behind it. Both birds have long, thin beaks and mottled grey and white plumage. The larger bird's legs are noticeably thicker than the smaller bird's.

“Hefty”

“Delicate”



“Delicate”

“Hefty”

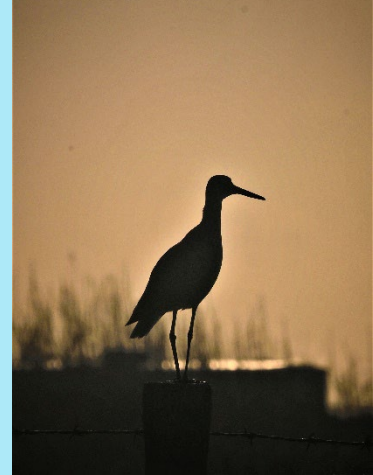


Photo by T. Jay Adams



Willet

2 Subspecies



Western Willet
(*inornatus*)

Eastern Willet
(*semipalmatus*)

Population Estimate

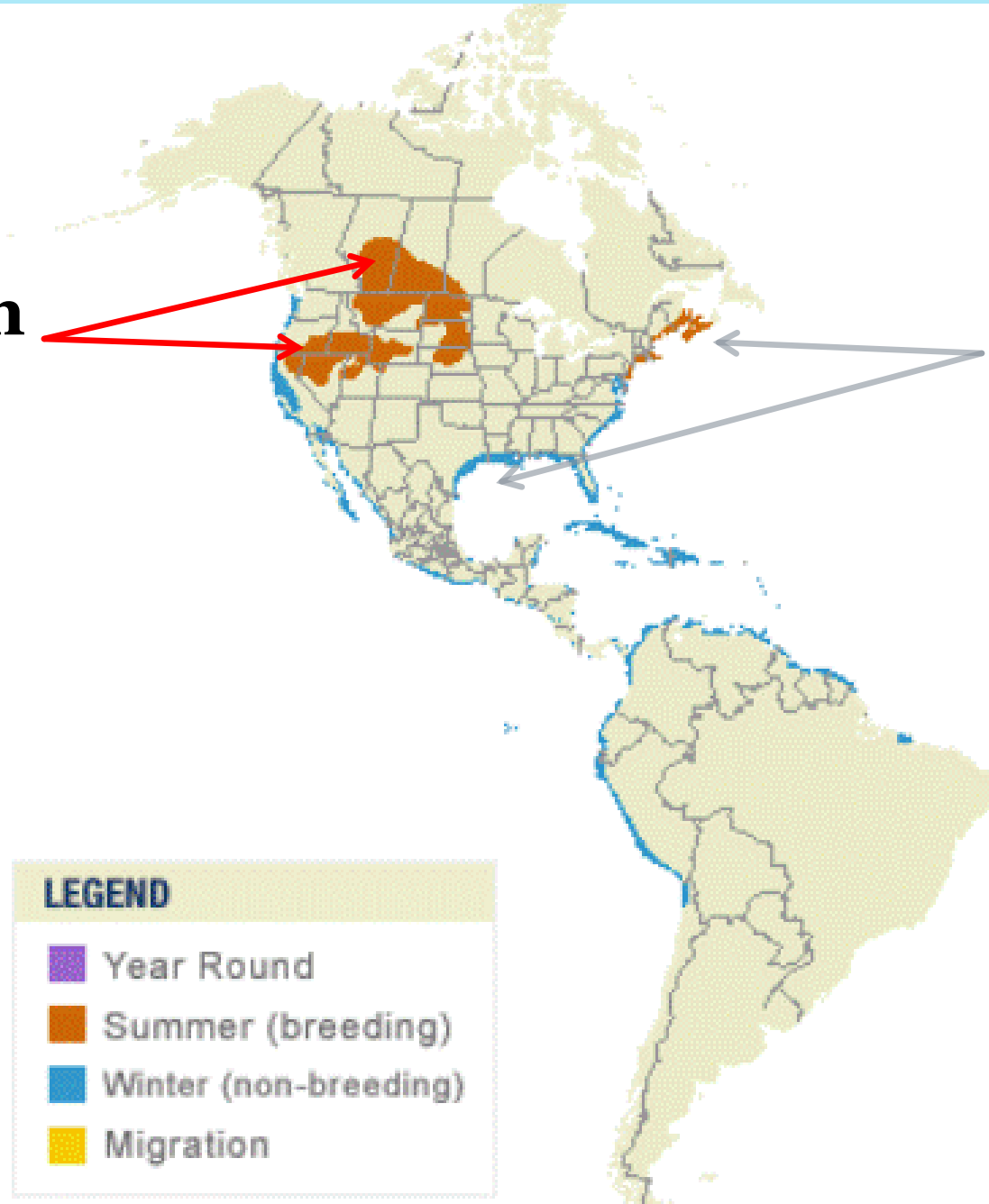
Western
160,000

Eastern
90,000

Willet Breeding

Western

Eastern



Western –
Winters on
Texas Coast.

Starting in July,

Peaking in late
August.

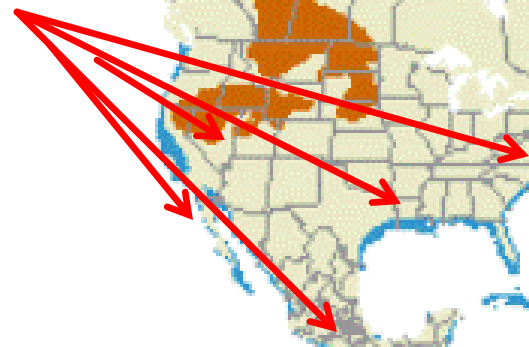
Eastern –
Breeds on
Texas Coast.

Absent from
North America
Nov-Feb.

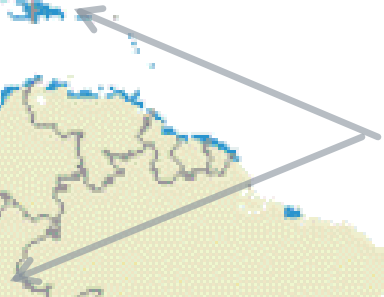
Most gone by
September.

Willet Winter

Western



Eastern
Not in US



LEGEND

- Year Round
- Summer (breeding)
- Winter (non-breeding)
- Migration



WILLET

WESTERN

- ▶ **Bill** – longer, finer-tipped, mostly dark, dark base to bill
- ▶ **Body** – Taller, rounder
- ▶ **Back** – More humped
- ▶ **Coloration** – Grayer, paler

EASTERN

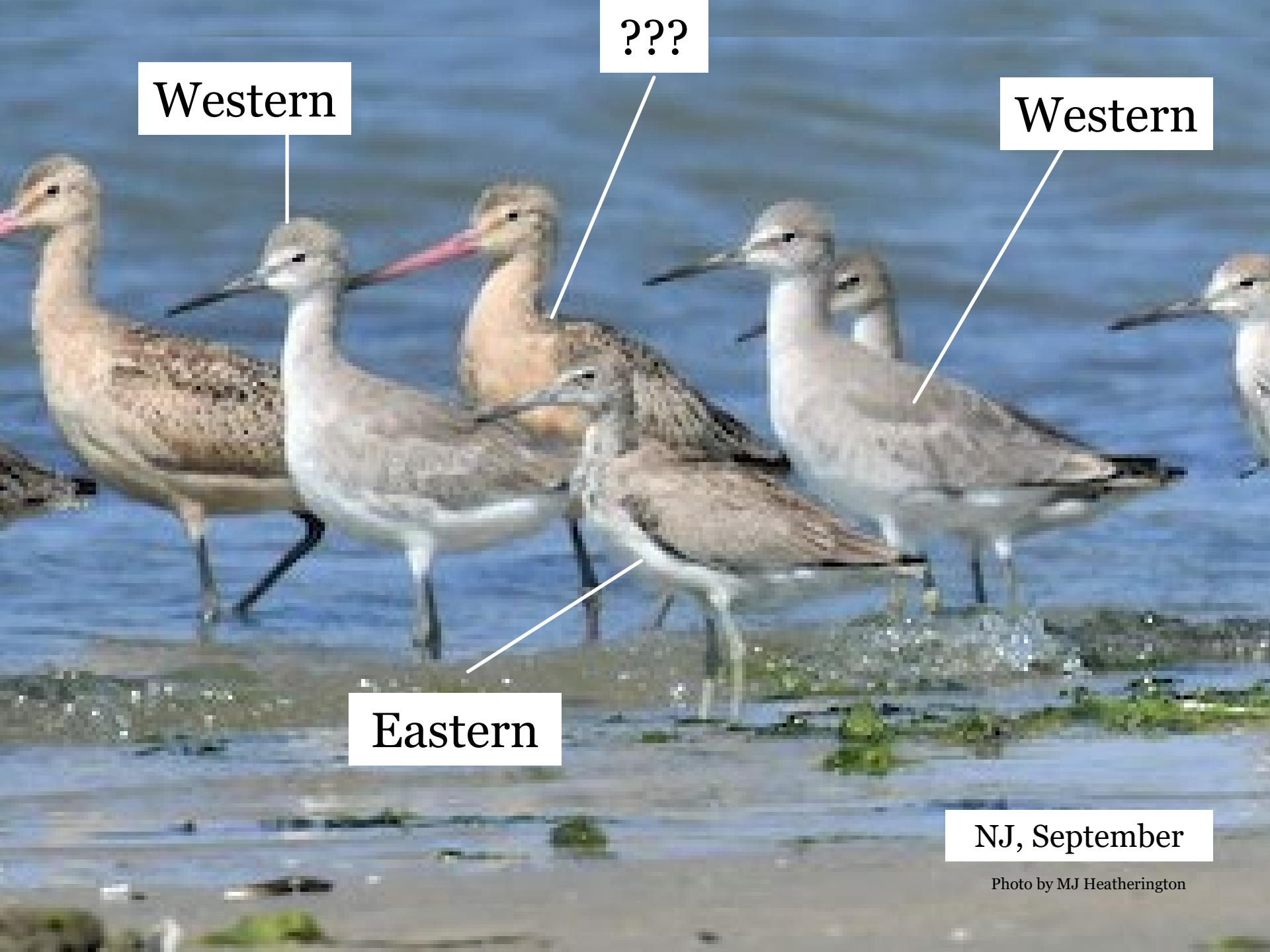
- ▶ **Bill** – Shorter, thicker, un-tapered, pinkish-based, heavier-tipped
- ▶ **Body** – Smaller, slimmer, (about the size of Greater Yellowlegs)
- ▶ **Back** – Flatter
- ▶ **Coloration** – Browner, darker



Western



Eastern



Western

???

Western

Eastern

NJ, September

Photo by MJ Heatherington

Slimmer, Longer,
Finer-tipped



Western

Thicker, Shorter,
Blunter-tipped



Eastern



Upper side gray

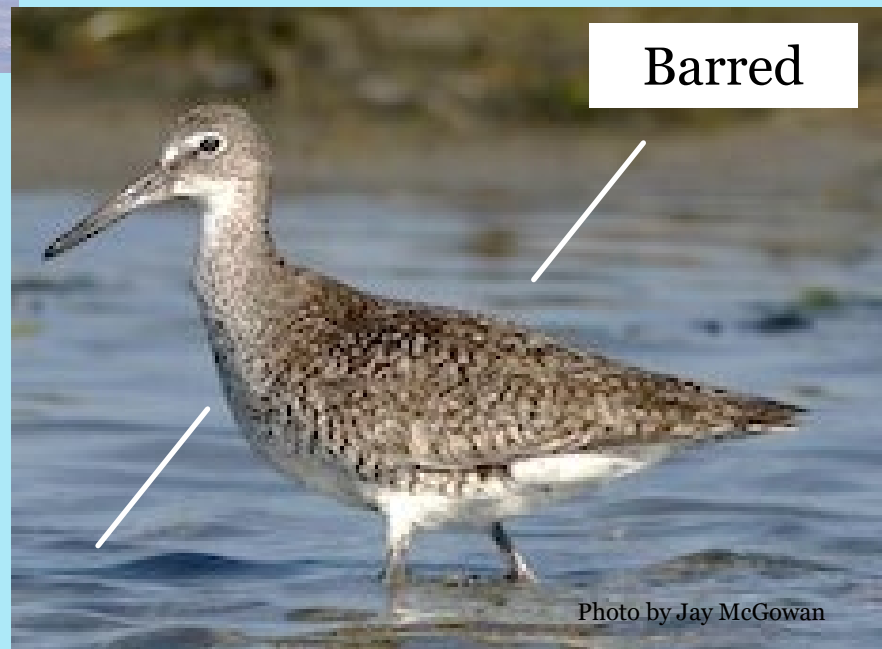
Under side
more white

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Western

Basic
Plumage

Eastern



Barred

Photo by Jay McGowan

Basic Plumage



More white on neck,
throat, & face

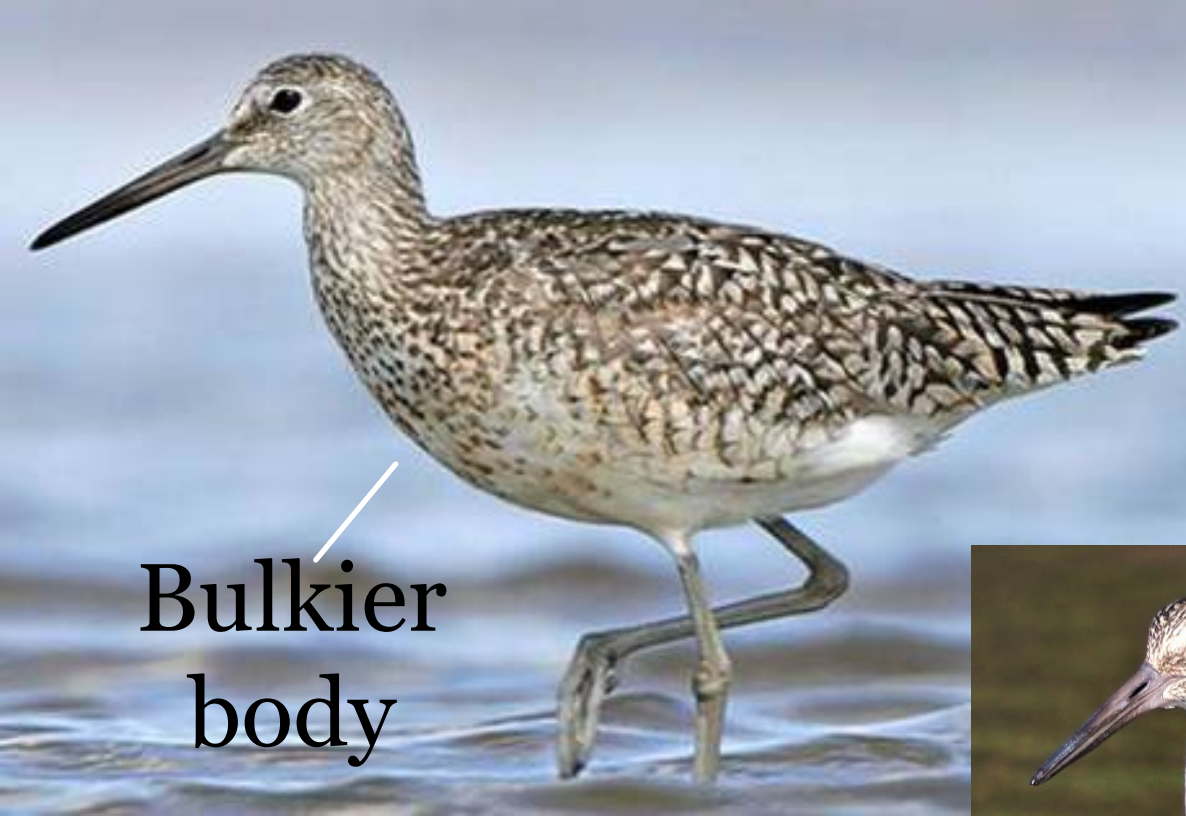
Western

Eastern



**Alternate
Plumage**

Eastern



Bulkier
body

Western

Slimmer
body



Western



Photo by Caleb Strand

Alternate
Plumage



Eastern

Solitary Sandpiper
Tringa solitaria



LEGEND

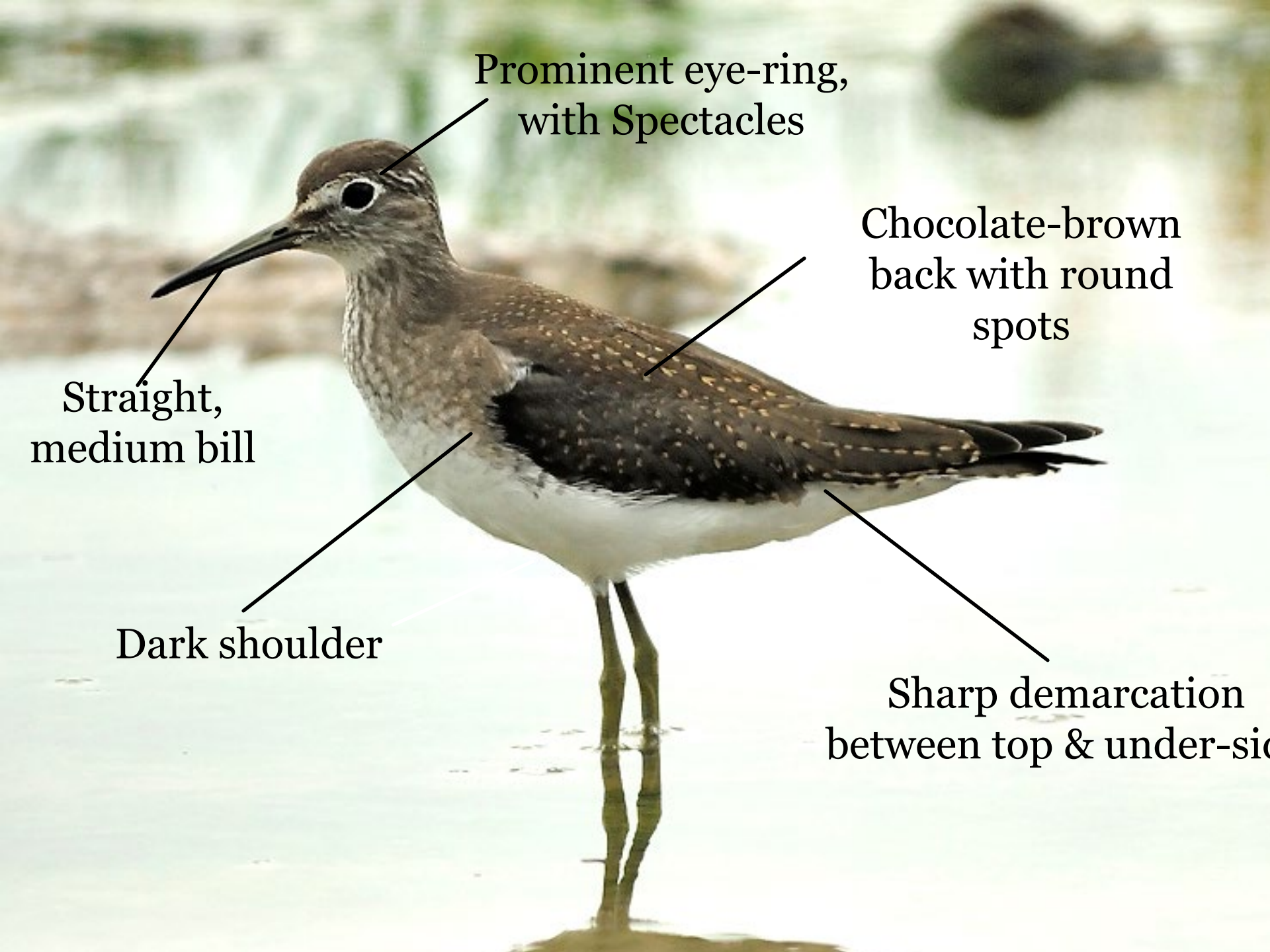
- Year Round
- Summer (breeding)
- Winter (non-breeding)
- Migration

Map by Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Range data by NatureServe

Solitary Sandpiper

Population Estimate
190,000





Prominent eye-ring,
with Spectacles

Chocolate-brown
back with round
spots

Straight,
medium bill

Dark shoulder

Sharp demarcation
between top & under-side



Lesser
Yellowlegs

Solitary
Sandpiper







Spotted Sandpiper
Actitis macularius



LEGEND

- Year Round
- Summer (breeding)
- Winter (non-breeding)
- Migration

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SPOTTED SANDPIPER

Population Estimate
660,000

Alternate Plumage

Round
spots



Almost constantly
teeter-tottering

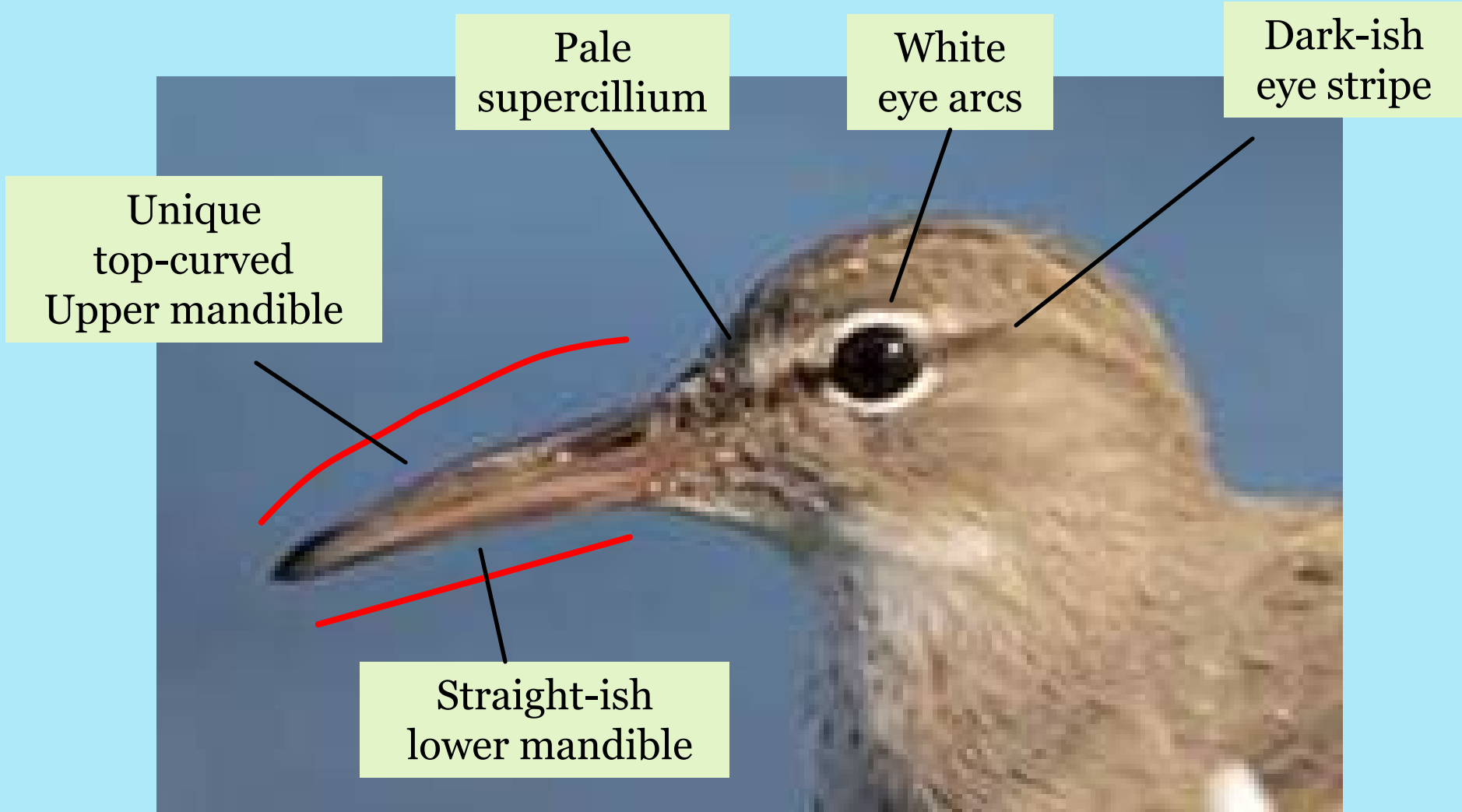
White
crescent



Short yellow
legs

Horizontal
posture





Pale
supercillium

White
eye arcs

Dark-ish
eye stripe

Unique
top-curved
Upper mandible

Straight-ish
lower mandible



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Stiff-winged,
shallow,
intermittent
Flight/glide

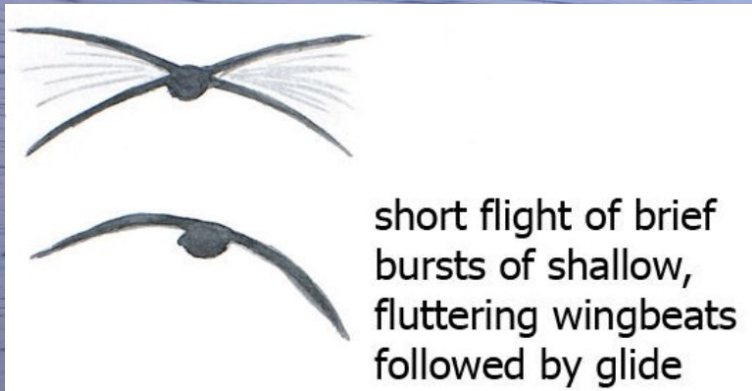




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Crouch-and-run
feeding style