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Quiz
Calidris Peeps
and
Calidris Bigs
Answers

(some species more than once)

1

Western



Baird's

2



A photograph of a White-rumped Sandpiper standing on a dark, vertical branch in a marshy area. The bird has a long, dark beak and is facing left. Its plumage is intricately patterned with brown, tan, and white streaks and spots. The background consists of shallow water and various dry, brown branches and twigs.

3

**White-
rumped**

4



Dunlin

5

**White-
rumped**



6



Red Knot

7



Sanderling

8

Least



9

Semipalmated



10

Long-billed
Dowitcher



Stilt

11

Sanderling



12



Pectoral

13



Semipalmated

14



Stilt



15

Least

16



Semipalmated

17



Western

18



White-rumped

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Least

20

Baird's



Least

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Semipalmated

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White-rumped

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Stilt

24



Dunlin

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Pectoral

Baird's

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Red Knot

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Semipalmated

29

Baird's



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Least

31



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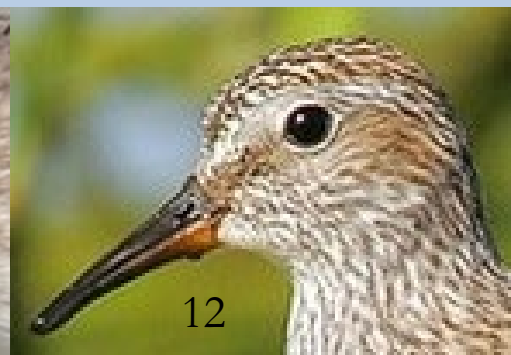
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Bairds



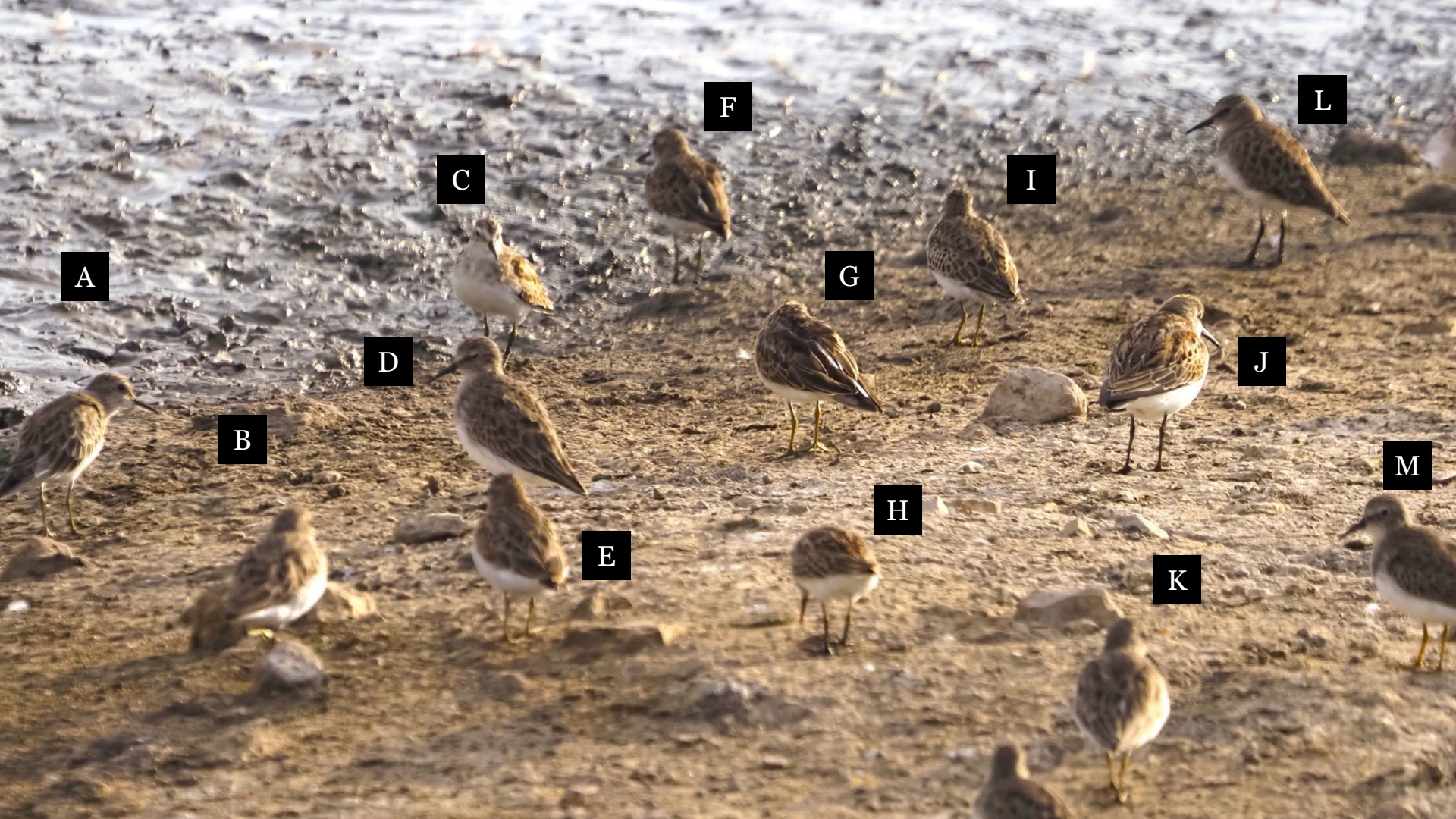
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Least

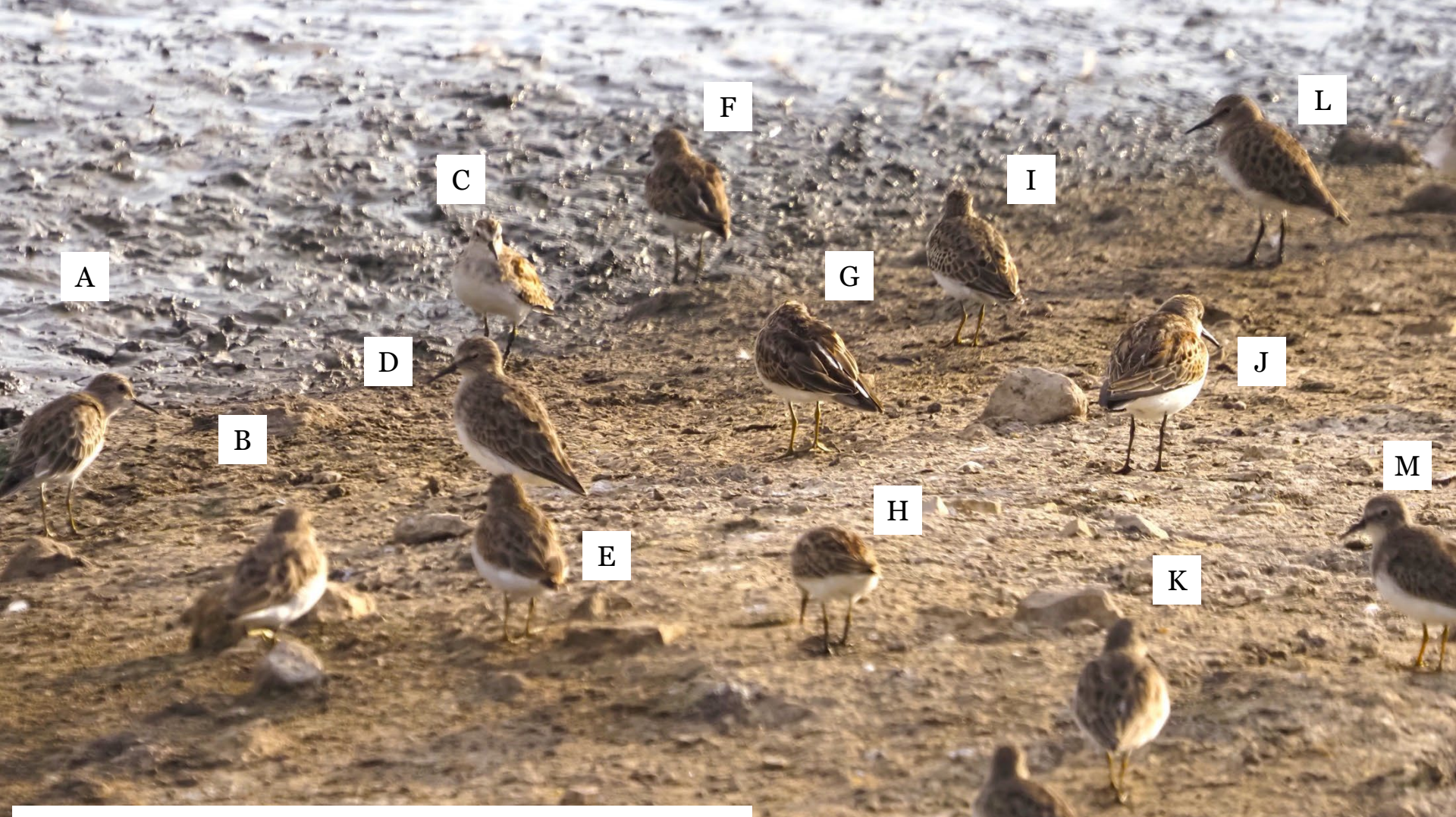


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White-rumped



Here's what I call "Real life birding". All the previous pix are good, close views, demonstrating typical characteristics of the species. But this is not a great photo and the differences are subtle. See what you think!!



C – if you zoom in this bird it might have yellow legs (making it a Least), but the white under the brown breast band and the strong white supercilium make me think that this is a Western with the yellow in the leg some kind of light aberration.

But I may be wrong on this one. The bill also looks a little fine-tipped for Western. So on 2nd thought I think it's a Least.

On 3rd thought I think it's a Western!! LOL!!! Based on too much white in the face and supercilium, but I may be wrong!!

J – This is the only one that I think truly has black legs. The rufous scapulars and the odd, less-round, head from this angle make me call it a Western. The bill also appears a bit long for a Least.

I think the rest are Least based on fine-tipped bills, uniform gray-brown backs and round heads. Most seem to have mud covered yellow legs or just straight up yellow legs.



N

O

Hint: I see 3 species in this photo.

N is a great big sandpiper with a brown breast and a medium, slightly downturned bill – Pectoral.

O has a fairly strong supercilium, is slightly larger than the majority, has a longer bill and rufous on the scapulars – Western.

The rest appear to be Least. Let me know if you see something else.