

White-rumped Sandpiper. Clonea, Co. Waterford, Ireland. 14th November 2010.
Photo: Polina Clarke.



List of *Calidris* Waders with References

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Introduction

I have endeavoured to keep typos, errors, omissions etc in this list to a minimum, however when you find more I would be grateful if you could mail the details during 2014 & 2015 to: josephobbs@gmail.com.

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Red Knot

Calidris canutus [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

[*C.c. canutus*] Taymyr peninsula (Siberia). Winters W & S Africa.

[*C.c. piersma*] New Siberian Islands. Winters NW Australia.

[*C.c. rogersi*] Chukotskiy peninsula and possibly areas farther W. Winters Australasia.

[*C.c. roselaari*] Wrangel Island (Arctic Ocean) & NW Alaska Winters probably Florida, S Panama & N Venezuela.

[*C.c. rufa*] Canadian low Arctic. Winters NE & S South America.

[*C.c. islandica*] Islands of the Canadian high Arctic & N Greenland. Winters in W Europe.

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Surfbird

Calidris virgata [Gmelin 1789, Prince William Sound, Alaska].

C & S Alaska and C Yukon. Winters Alexander Archipelago (SE Alaska) S to the Straits of Magellan (Pacific coast of America).

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Ruff

Calidris pugnax [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

NW Europe E thru Siberia to Chukotskiy peninsula & Sea of Okhotsk. Winters Mediterranean & sub-Saharan Africa E thru Middle East to Indian subcontinent.

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Other name: Reeve (female).

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

Calidris acuminata [Horsfield 1821, Java].

NC & NE Siberia from Lena Delta to R Kolyma. Winters New Guinea thru Melanesia to New Caledonia & Tonga and S to Australia & New Zealand.

1st WP Record: [adult] September 1848. Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England. Shot (BWP 3).

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Broad-billed Sandpiper

- Calidris falcinellus*** [Pontoppidan 1763, Denmark].
[*C.f. falcinellus*] Scandinavia & NW Russia. Winters E & S Africa E thru Arabia to W & S India & Sri Lanka.
[*C.f. sibirica*] Taymyr and R Lena E to R Kolyma. Winters NE India thru SE Asia, Philippines & Indonesia to Australia.
Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Limicola falcinellus*.
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Curlew Sandpiper

- Calidris ferruginea*** [Pontoppidan 1763, Christiansø Islands, Denmark].
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Stilt Sandpiper

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N Alaska E to S Victoria Island and W & S Hudson Bay. Winters N Chile, Bolivia & SC Brazil S to N Argentina & Uruguay with small numbers locally in S USA.
Treated by del Hoyo et al 1996 as *Micropalama himantopus*.
1st WP record: [adult] 31st August 1954. Near Kilnsea, East Yorkshire, England. Peter Waterton & Edward Jackson, ID by R.F. Dickens. Remained until the 4th September (Chislett 1955).
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Spoon-billed Sandpiper

Calidris pygmea [Pallas 1764, coast of North Sea].

Coastal tundra on the Chukotskiy peninsula S to N Kamchatka (far-eastern Siberia). Winters locally SE India & Sri Lanka E to Indochina & S China and S to Singapore.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*.

Other name: Spoonbill Sandpiper.

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Red-necked Stint

Calidris ruficollis [Pallas 1776, Kulussutai, S Transbaikalia].

Taymyr peninsula E to Chukotskiy peninsula and S to extreme N Kamchatka (far-eastern Siberia) and occasionally W & N Alaska. Winters E India, Myanmar, S China & Taiwan thru Philippines & Indonesia to Solomon Islands, Australia & New Zealand.

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Disjunct populations from the forest zone of SW Siberia to the S tundra of Koryak Mts and the Commander Islands & N Kuril Islands. Winters E India & Indochina E to Taiwan and S thru Philippines & Indonesia to W & SE Australia.

Other name: Middendorff's Stint.

Aleksandr Fedorovitsh von Middendorff (1815-1894), German-Russian traveller and naturalist who was a member of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences.

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Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii [Leisler 1812, Hanau am Main, Germany].

Scandinavia E thru NW Russia & N Siberia E to Chukotskiy peninsula & Anadyrland. Winters Mediterranean, N tropical Africa and Middle East E thru Indian subcontinent & Indochina to S China, Taiwan & S Ryukyu Islands and S to peninsular Malaysia & Borneo and occasionally to the Philippines.

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Sanderling

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Winters W Europe, Africa, Asia & Australasia.

[*C.a. rubida*] NE Siberia, Alaska, N Canada. Winters E Asia, coastal North, Central & South America.

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Dunlin

Calidris alpina [Linnaeus 1758, Lapland].

[*C.a. alpina*] N Scandinavia & N Russia E to R Kolyma. Winters W Europe & Mediterranean to NW India and sparsely to Bangladesh.

[*C.a. arctica*] NE Greenland. Winters mainly in NW Africa.

[*C.a. schinzii*] SE Greenland & Iceland thru Faroe Islands, Ireland & Britain to the Baltic & S Scandinavia. Winters in S Europe & NW Africa.

[*C.a. sakhalina*] R Kolyma to Chukotskiy peninsula & Anadyrland (far-eastern Siberia). Winters in E China, Korea, Japan & Taiwan and perhaps small numbers in W North America.

[*C.a. kistchinski*] N Sea of Okhotsk & Koryak Mts thru Kamchatka to Kuril Islands. Winters not known.

[*C.a. actites*] N Sakhalin. Winters not known.

[*C.a. arctica*] NW Alaska N of Seward peninsula & NW Canada. Winters E China, Korea & Japan.

[*C.a. pacifica*] SW Alaska S of Seward peninsula. Winters in W USA & W Mexico.

[*C.a. hudsonia*] C Canada. Winters in SE USA and probably E Mexico.

The proposed form *centralis* is included with *C.a. alpina*.

Other names: Red-backed Sandpiper, Southern Dunlin (*alpina*), Northern Dunlin (*schinzii*), Schinz's Dunlin (*schinzii*), Schiøler's Dunlin (*arctica*) Arctic Dunlin (*arctica*), Greenland Dunlin (*arctica*), Hudsonian Dunlin (*hudsonia*).

Heinrich Rudolph Schinz (1777-1861), Swiss naturalist and medical doctor who became curator of the Natural History Society of Zurich.

Eiler Theodor Lehn Schiøler (1874-1929), Danish banker and ornithologist who undertook a scientific expedition to the west coast of Greenland in 1925. He was the first to describe the *intermedius* form of Lesser Black-backed Gull.

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Purple Sandpiper

- Calidris maritima*** [Brünnich 1764, Christiansø Islands, off Bornholm, Denmark].
[*C.m. maritima*] NE Canada, Greenland, Svalbard & Franz Josef Land to NW Siberia and N temperate regions of Fenno-Scandia. Winters coasts of E North America & NW Europe.
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Rock Sandpiper

Calidris ptilocnemis [Coues 1873, St George Island, Pribilof Islands].

[*C.p. ptilocnemis*] St Matthew Island, Hall Island & Pribilof Islands. Winters Alaskan peninsula.

[*C.p. couesii*] Aleutian Islands & Alaskan peninsula.

[*C.p. tschuktschorum*] E Chukotskiy peninsula, St Lawrence Island, Nunivak Island & W Alaska.

Winters NW North America and locally in E Japan.

[*C.p. quarta*] Kuril Islands, S Kamchatka & Commander Islands.

Treated by some as *Erolia ptilocnemis*.

Other names: Aleutian Sandpiper, Pribilof Sandpiper.

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Baird's Sandpiper

Calidris bairdii [Coues 1861, Great Slave Lake, Canada].

Wrangel Island (Arctic Ocean) & Chukotskiy peninsula E across N Alaska & N Canada to Ellesmere Island, N Baffin Island & NW Greenland. Winters W & S South America.

Spencer Fullerton Baird (1823-1887), American zoologist, naturalist, ornithologist and ichthyologist who was the first curator at the Smithsonian Institution. He published over 1,000 works during his lifetime.

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Little Stint

Calidris minuta [Leisler 1812, Hanau am Main, Germany].

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White-rumped Sandpiper

Calidris fuscicollis [Vieillot 1819, Paraguay].

NE Alaska & N Canada E to S Baffin Island. Winters CE Brazil S to Tierra del Fuego.

Other name: Bonaparte's Sandpiper.

Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte (1803-1857), French ornithologist and diplomat who was nephew to Napoleon Bonaparte.

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Least Sandpiper

Calidris minutilla [Vieillot 1819, Halifax, Nova Scotia].

Alaska E thru NW & NC Canada to Quebec, Newfoundland & Nova Scotia. Winters S USA thru Central America & West Indies to N Chile & CE Brazil.

1st WP Record: 5th June 1847. Helsinki, Finland. Shot (BWP 3).

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Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Calidris subruficollis [Vieillot 1819, Paraguay].

Wrangel Island & Ayon Island E to R Ekvyvatan & N coast of Chukotskiy peninsula (far-eastern Siberia) and vicinity of Barrow (N Alaska) E to Boothia peninsula and irregularly N to Devon Island. Winters SE Bolivia, Paraguay & S Brazil to Uruguay & NE Argentina. Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Tryngites subruficollis*.

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Pectoral Sandpiper

Calidris melanotos [Vieillot 1819, Paraguay].

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Western Sandpiper

Calidris mauri [Cabanis 1857, South Carolina].

E Chukotskiy peninsula (far-eastern Siberia) and W & N Alaska. Winters Pacific coast from N California S to N Peru and locally Atlantic coast from S New Jersey thru the Gulf of Mexico & West Indies to Surinam.

Ernesto Mauri (1791-1836), Italian botanist and mycologist.

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Semipalmated Sandpiper

Calidris pusilla [Linnaeus 1766, Santo Domingo].

W & N Alaska and N Canada. Winters Pacific coast from S Mexico S to S Peru and from Yucatán (Mexico) & West Indies S to C Argentina.

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Hybrid Sandpipers

Cox's Sandpiper

Calidris melanotos x *Calidris ferruginea*

Hybrid ♂ Pectoral Sandpiper x ♀ Curlew Sandpiper.

John Brian Cox (b. 1945), British born ornithologist who settled in South Australia. In 1977 he collected the second specimen of the hybrid that is named after him.

Cooper's Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea x *Calidris acuminata*

Hybrid Curlew Sandpiper x Sharp-tailed Sandpiper.

William C. Cooper (1798-1864), American collector and one of the founders of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

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