

White-rumped Sandpiper. Clonea, Co. Waterford, Ireland. 14th November 2010.
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List of *Calidris* Waders with References

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Introduction

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Great Knot

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Red Knot

Calidris canutus [Linnaeus].

[*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.

Canute (c.AD 995-1035), one time king of Denmark, England, Norway and parts of Sweden.

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Surfbird

Calidris virgata [Gmelin].

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

Treated by del Hoyo *et al.* 1996 as *Aphriza virgata*.

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Ruff

Calidris pugnax [Linnaeus].

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

Treated by del Hoyo et al. 1996 as *Philomachus pugnax*.

Other name: Reeve (female).

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Broad-billed Sandpiper

Calidris falcinellus [Pontoppidan].

[*C.f. falcinellus*] Scandinavia & NW Russia. Winters E & S Africa E thru Arabia to 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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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

Calidris acuminata [Horsfield].

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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Stilt Sandpiper

Calidris himantopus [Bonaparte].

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Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea [Pontoppidan].

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Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii [Leisler].

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 the Philippines.

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Long-toed Stint

Calidris subminuta [Middendorff].

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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Spoon-billed Sandpiper

Calidris pygmea [Pallas].

Confined to a few sites on coastal tundra on the Chukotskiy peninsula S to N Kamchatka (far-eastern Siberia). Winters Gulf of Mottoma & Nan Thar (Myanmar) and Sonadia Island (Bangladesh) and other scattered locations on coasts from the Min Jiang Estuary (Fujian, China) to the Bay of Bengal (Bangladesh / India / Myanmar).

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

Other name: Spoonbill Sandpiper.

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Red-necked Stint

Calidris ruficollis [Pallas].

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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Sanderling

Calidris alba [Pallas].

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Dunlin

Calidris alpina [Linnaeus].

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

[*C.a. centralis*] NC to NE Siberia. Winters E Mediterranean to S Asia.

[*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. kistchinskii*] N Sea of Okhotsk & Koryak Mts thru Kamchatka (extreme Russian far-east) to Kuril Islands. Winters E Asia.

[*C.a. actites*] N Sakhalin. Winters E Asia.

[*C.a. arctica*] N of the Seward peninsula (NW Alaska) & 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.

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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Rock Sandpiper

Calidris ptilocnemis [Coues].

[*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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Purple Sandpiper

Calidris maritima [Brünnich].

N Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Svalbard and Scandinavia to NC Siberia. Winters E North America and W Europe.

Includes proposed forms *groenlandica*, *littoralis* and *belcheri*.

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Baird's Sandpiper

Calidris bairdii [Coues].

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.

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Little Stint

Calidris minuta [Leisler].

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Least Sandpiper

Calidris minutilla [Vieillot].

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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White-rumped Sandpiper

Calidris fuscicollis [Vieillot].

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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Buff-breasted Sandpiper

Calidris subruficollis [Vieillot].

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].

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Semipalmated Sandpiper

Calidris pusilla [Linnaeus].

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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Western Sandpiper

Calidris mauri [Cabanis].

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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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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