

Shorebird Identification in the Mid-Atlantic



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Shape



Size



Age



Semipalmated Sandpiper



Western Sandpiper



Semipalmated Sandpiper



No
molt

Western Sandpiper



Fresh
basic
feathers



Semipalmated vs Western Sandpiper



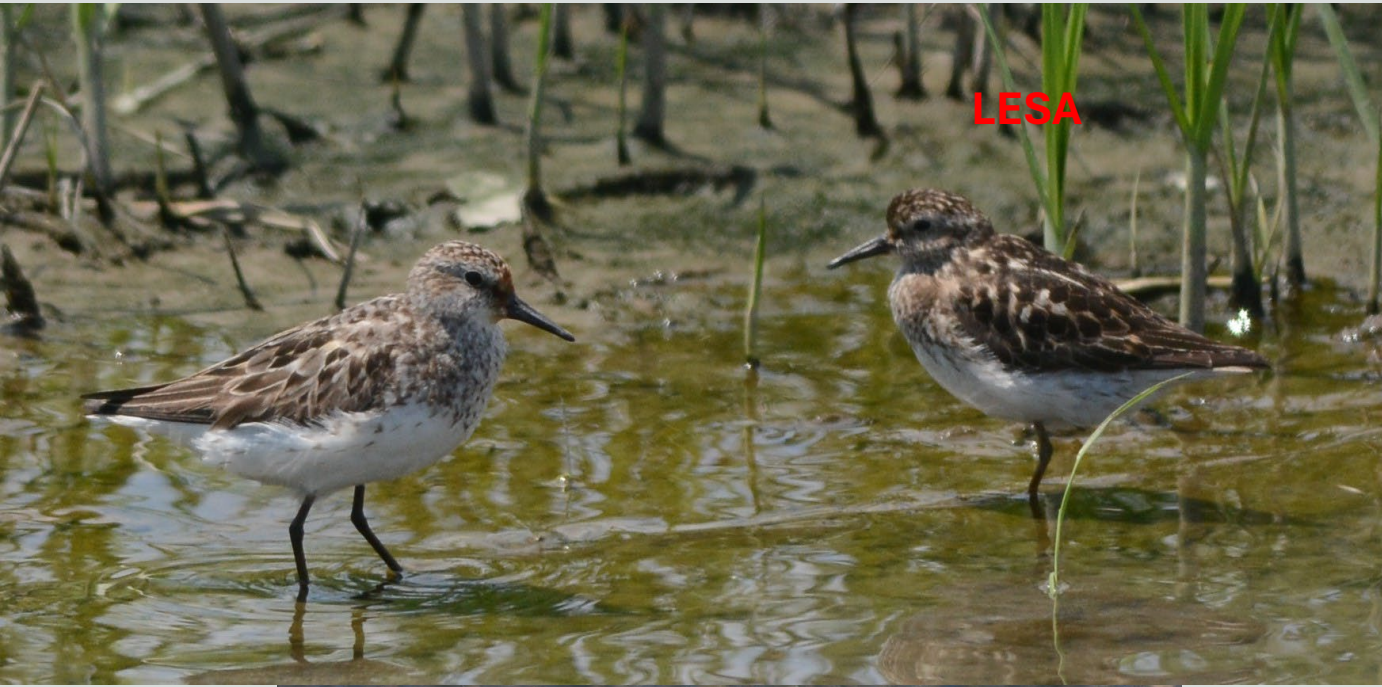
Semipalmated vs Western Sandpiper



Least Sandpiper



Semipalmated vs Least Sandpiper



White-rumped Sandpiper



Baird's Sandpiper



Baird's and White-rumped confusion



Sanderling



Dunlin



DUNLIN



WESA

Pectoral Sandpiper



Spotted Sandpiper



Solitary Sandpiper



Lesser Yellowlegs



Greater Yellowlegs



GRYE

LEYE

Stilt Sandpiper



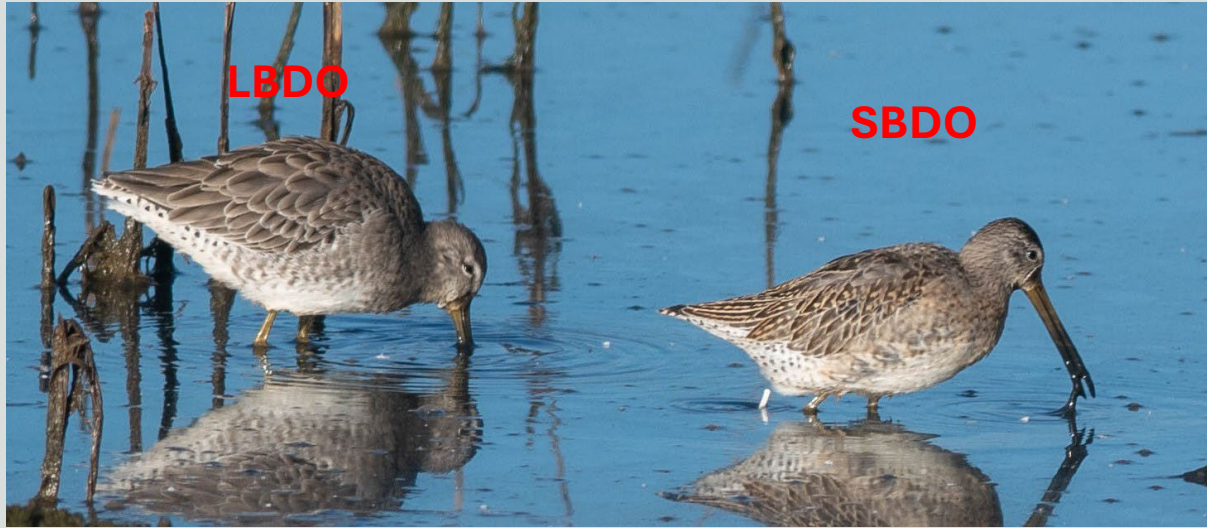
Long-billed Dowitcher



Short-billed Dowitcher



Dowitcher comparisons



Marbled Godwit



Hudsonian Godwit



Willet



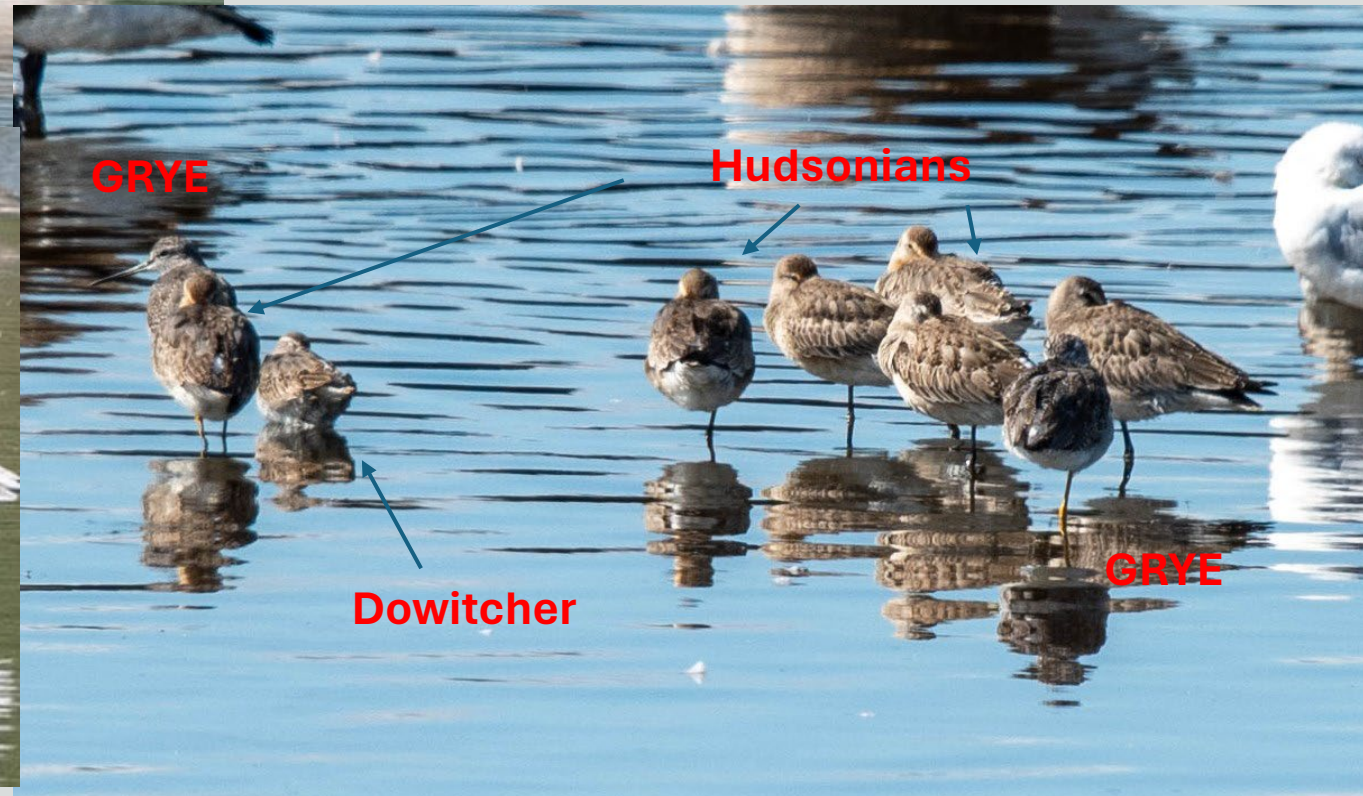
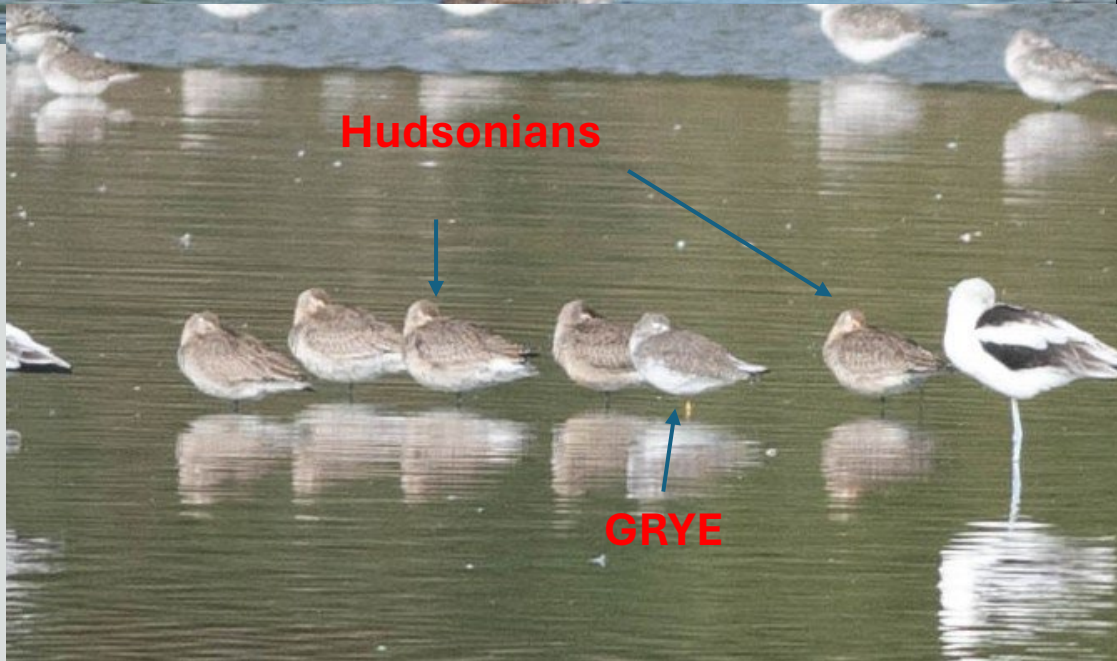
Willet – Eastern vs Western



Large shorebird identification challenges



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Black-bellied Plover

American Golden Plover



Semipalmated Plover

Piping Plover



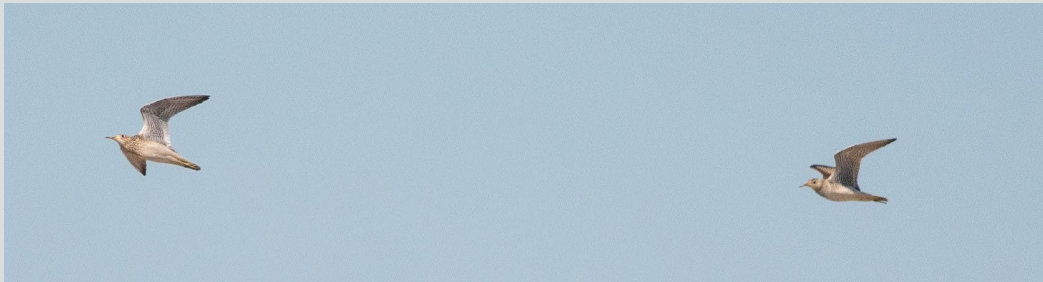
Red Knot



Upland Sandpiper



Buff-breasted Sandpiper



Purple Sandpiper



Ruddy Turnstone



Red-necked Phalarope



Wilson's Phalarope



Red-necked vs Wilson's Phalaropes



Red-necked vs Wilson's Phalaropes



Red Phalarope







Lesser Yellow.

Dowitcher

Dunlin

BBPL

STSA

STSA

Dunlin





Sanderling

Dunlin

Semi Sand

Turnstone

Sanderling

Dunlin

SBDO





HUGO

LBDO

BBPL

LEYE

Dunlin

SBDO?

LBDO

Dunlin?

Semi-S

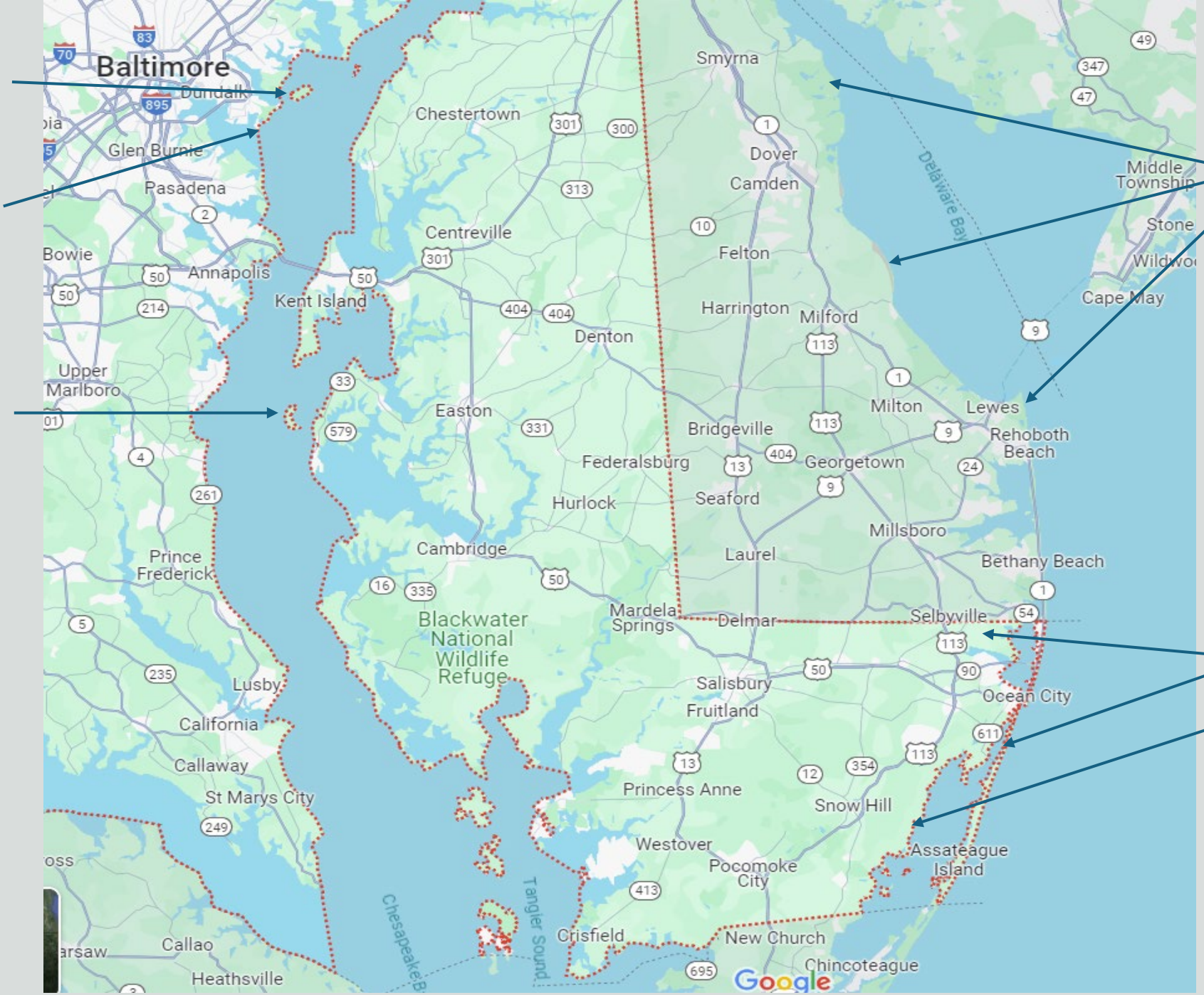
Large distinctive shorebirds



Hart-Miller Island

Swan Creek

Poplar Island



Delaware Bay

Coastal
Worcester
County

Ruff



Curlew Sandpiper



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

