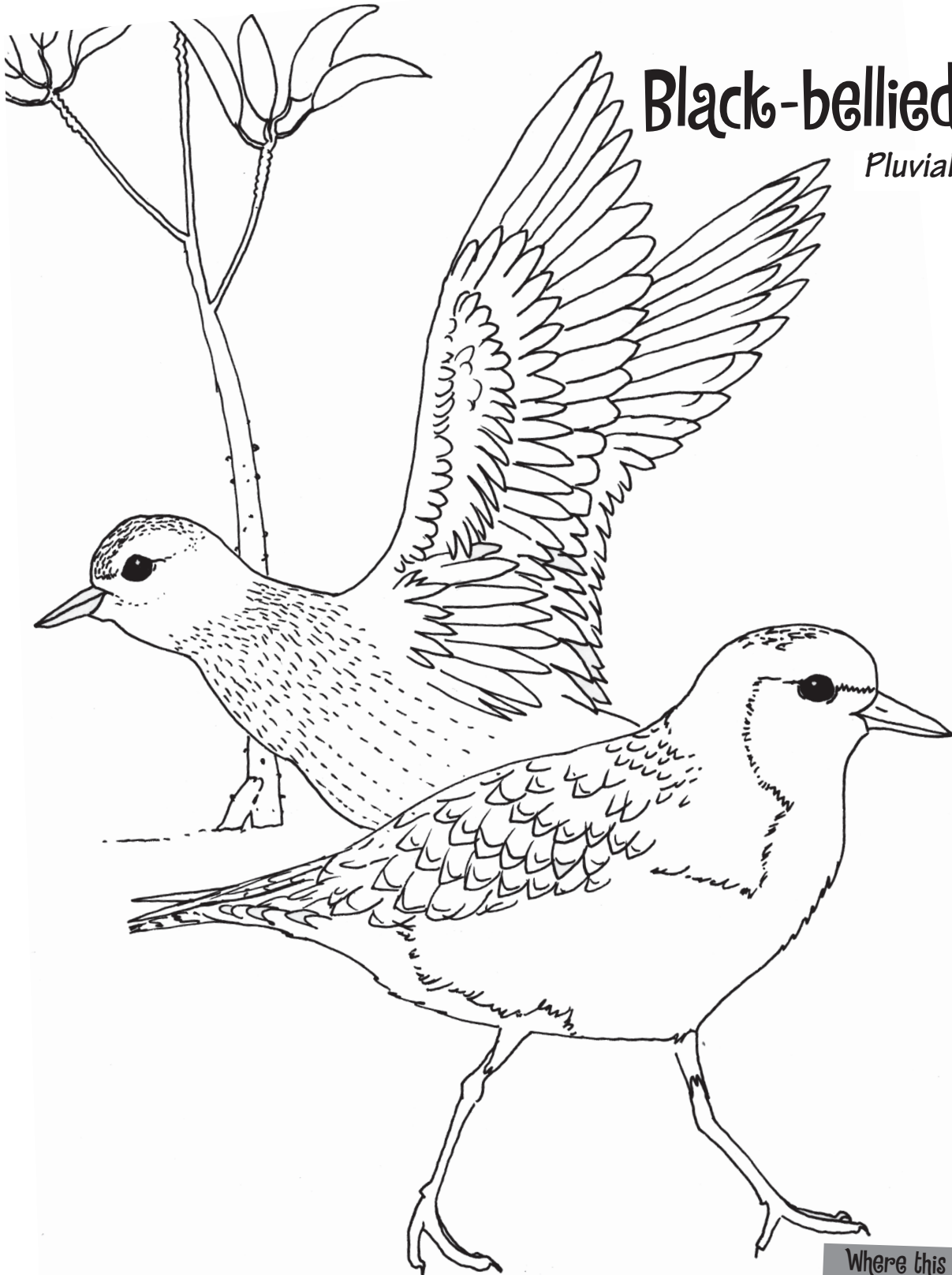


# Black-bellied Plover

*Pluvialis squatarola*



## About this Bird

The Black-bellied Plover lives in coastal areas. In winter it is mostly grey with black 'wingpits' visible in flight. It becomes "black-bellied" in spring when its white throat and belly feathers are replaced with black feathers. When feeding it runs short distances, then stops to pick at worms and small animals in the mud and rocks. If it hears or senses danger it will fly off quickly or whistle a loud warning wheeyoo-wee. It breeds mostly in the Arctic but many pass through or spend the winter on our beaches, mudflats and marshes. Bird Size 29 cm, 11.5 in

## Where this Bird Can Be Found

