

CARIBBEAN SEA

The Spotted Sandpiper gets its name from the dark round spots on its white throat and belly that are very visible in the summer but disappear in the winter. It does not like company and is rarely seen in flocks. The Spotted Sandpiper has the strange habit of constantly bobbing its tail and rear end up and down as it walks, like a teeter-totter. It flies low over the water with stiff, fluttering wingbeats. This migrant feeds on small insects and crustaceans in mangroves and freshwater. It is a common resident on our islands from August to May. *Bird Size19 cm*, *7.5 in.*