

# Common Shorebirds of the Caribbean

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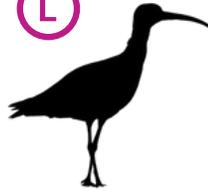
Small < 8" / 20cm

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Medium 8"-14" / 20-36cm

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Large > 14" / 36cm

NB = Non-Breeding

B = Breeding

PR: Common name in Puerto Rico

DR: Common name in Dominican Republic

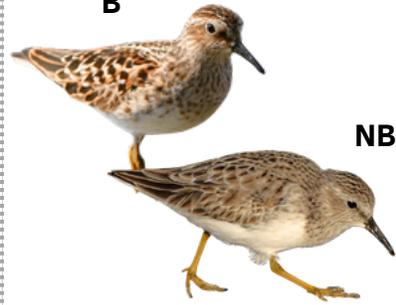
## Least Sandpiper

*Calidris minutilla*

B

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NB



PR: Playero Menudo; DR: Playerito Menudo

- >Very small with yellowish legs
- >Warm brown upperparts

## Semipalmated Sandpiper

*Calidris pusilla*

B

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NB



PR: Playero Gracioso  
DR: Playerito Semipalmado

- >Black legs, compact body
- >Bill short and straight

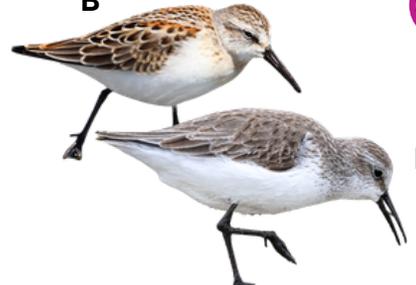
## Western Sandpiper

*Calidris mauri*

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PR/DR: Playero Occidental

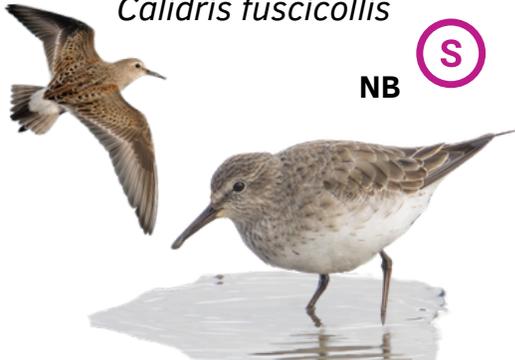
- >Black legs, gray upperparts
- >Bill slightly drooping

## White-rumped Sandpiper

*Calidris fuscicollis*

NB

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PR/DR: Playero de Rabadilla Blanca

- >Long wings extend past end of tail
- >White rump visible in flight

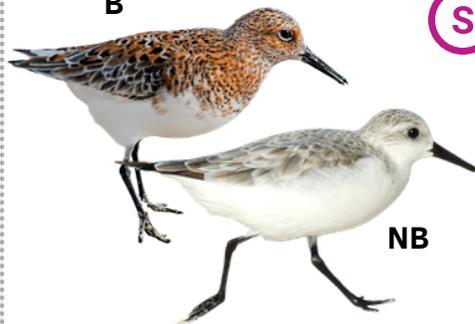
## Sanderling

*Calidris alba*

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PR: Playero Arenero; DR: Playerito Blanquito

- >Pale overall in nonbreeding plumage-maintains white belly

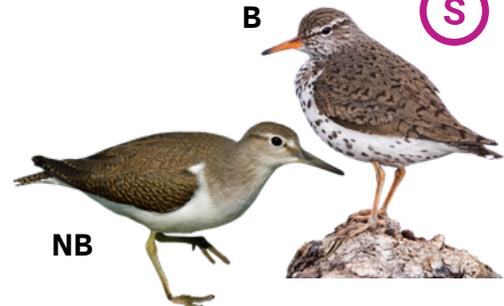
## Spotted Sandpiper

*Actitis macularius*

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PR: Playero Coleador; DR: Playerito Manchado

- >Frequently Bobbing rump up and down
- >Only spotty in breeding plumage

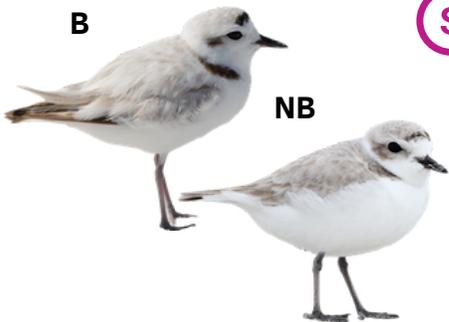
## Snowy Plover

*Anarhynchus nivosus*

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PR: Chorlito Blanco; DR: Chorlito Niveo

- >Dark legs; pale gray back
- >Incomplete collar; thin, black, pointed bill

## Piping Plover

*Charadrius melodus*

B

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NB



PR: Chorlito Melódico; DR: Chorlito Silbador

- >Orange-yellow legs, pale gray-brown back
- >Incomplete collar; short, thick, black bill

## Semipalmated Plover

*Charadrius semipalmatus*

B

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NB



PR: Chorlito Acollarado  
DR: Chorlito Semipalmado

- >Orange-yellow legs; dark brown back
- >Distinct collar, stubby black bill, orange at base

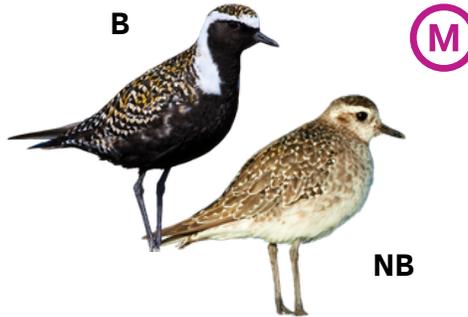


**Wilson's Plover**  
*Anarhynchus wilsonia*



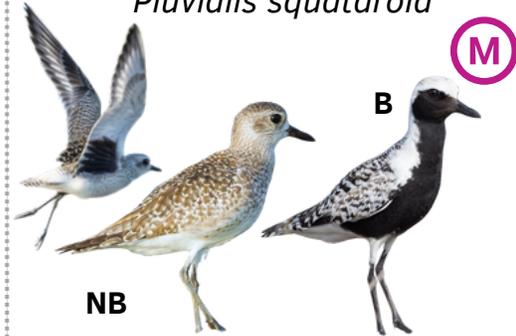
**PR:** Chorlito Marítimo; **DR:** Chorlito Cabezón  
>Black bill is larger and thicker than other small plovers

**American Golden-Plover**  
*Pluvialis dominica*



**PR:** Chorlito Dorado **DR:** Chorlo Americano  
>Distinct white 'eye-brow' below dark cap  
>Finer bill than Black-bellied Plover

**Black-bellied Plover**  
*Pluvialis squatarola*



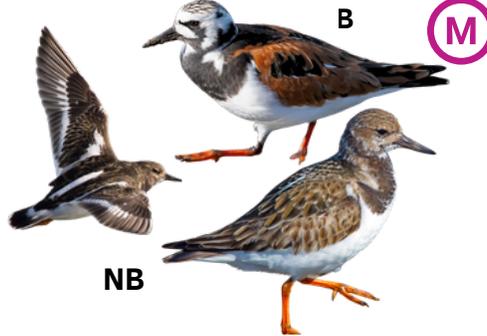
**PR:** Chorlito Cabezón; **DR:** Chorlo Gris  
>Gray/mottled gray and white back  
>Black axillaries (armpit) visible in flight

**Killdeer**  
*Charadrius vociferus*



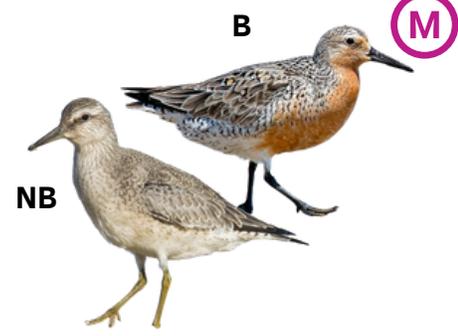
**PR:** Chorlito Sabanero; **DR:** Tiíto  
>Two black bands on neck  
>Brown back, white belly

**Ruddy Turnstone**  
*Arenaria interpres*



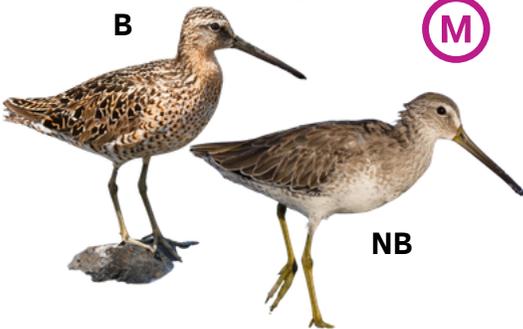
**PR/DR:** Playero Turco  
>Patchy black, white, and brown markings  
>Short, orange legs

**Red Knot**  
*Calidris canutus*



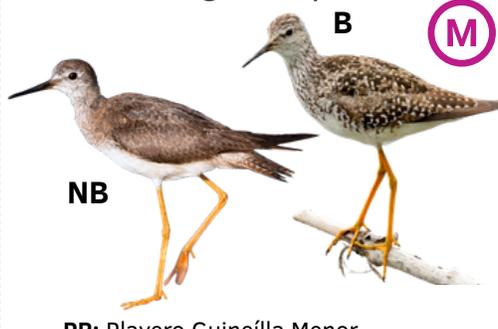
**PR:** Playero Gordo; **DR:** Playero Pechirrojo  
>Long and heavy bodied  
>Proportionately short neck and legs

**Short-billed Dowitcher**  
*Limnodromus griseus*



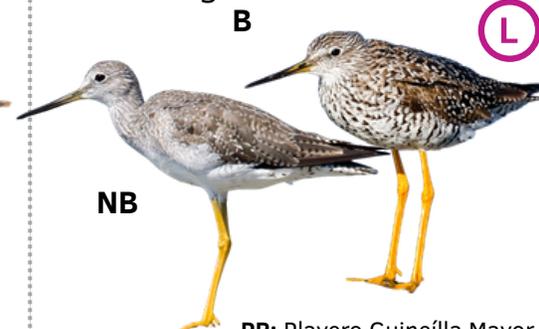
**PR/DR:** Agujeta Piquicorta  
>White wedge visible on back in flight  
>Feeds with sewing machine-like motion

**Lesser Yellowlegs**  
*Tringa flavipes*



**PR:** Playero Guineílla Menor  
**DR:** Patas Amarillas Menor  
>Bright yellow legs, white belly  
>thin bill, equal to length of head

**Greater Yellowlegs**  
*Tringa melanoleuca*



**PR:** Playero Guineílla Mayor  
**DR:** Patas Amarillas Mayor  
>Larger than Lesser Yellowlegs.  
>Bill 1.5 length of head

**Willet**  
*Tringa semipalmata*



**PR:** Playero Aliblanco; **DR:** Chorlo

>Bold black and white stripes in flight  
>Overall gray/mottled gray-brown back

**Hudsonian Whimbrel**  
*Numenius hudsonicus*



**PR/DR:** Playero Picocorvo Americano

>Bill curves downward  
>Dark head and eye stripes

**American Oystercatcher**  
*Haematopus palliatus*



**PR:** Ostrero; **DR:** Caracolero

>large orange bill. Bold black/ dark brown & white plumage, dull pink legs