

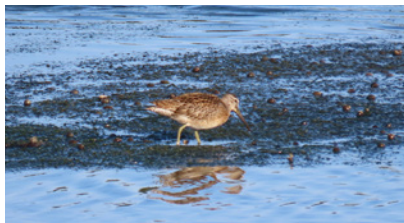


## Interesting Points

- Three subspecies of Short-billed Dowitcher breed in Canada; *hendersoni* in central and western Canada, *griseus* in northeastern Canada, and *caurinus* from Alaska to southern British Columbia.
- Although it is not a short-billed bird, its name aims to differentiate it from the Long-billed Dowitcher, which has a slightly longer bill.
- During migration it often flies and forages with other shorebird species, such as the Red Knot.



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## Similar Species

### Long-billed Dowitcher:

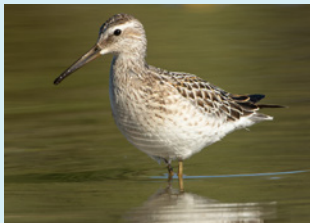
Similar in size (approx. 29 cm), longer bill, and rounder belly. Back appears humped while foraging.



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### Stilt Sandpiper:

Smaller (approx. 22 cm), drooped tip of bill, longer greenish-yellow legs.



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## Threats to Survival

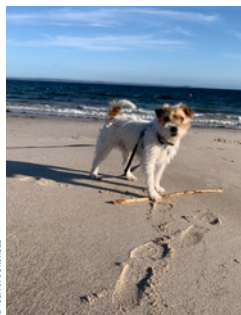
- Shoreline hardening (seawalls, riprap, bulkheads, etc.) resulting in the loss of essential foraging and roosting habitat.
- Disturbance from people and off leash dogs.
- Breeding, foraging, and wintering habitat loss (melting permafrost, advancement of tree line in sub-Arctic, rising sea levels, urban development).
- Sport and subsistence hunting in its southern winter range.
- Conversion of wetlands used as stopover sites into agricultural land.
- Mortality and delays during migration caused by increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events and strong winds.

## How You Can Help

Learn to recognize this species and keep an eye out for them during their stopover from July to September. If you have spotted one, take a photograph, record the location, and report your sighting to eBird or iNaturalist. Help monitor shorebirds by participating in the Atlantic Canada Shorebird Survey. Keep dogs on leash at beaches where birds are present. Advocate for climate change initiatives, and the protection of the province's coastal habitats.



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Dogs on-leash help shorebirds

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