

Least Tern



State-listed
Breeder: May
through Sept.
Habitat: Sandy
beaches



Common Tern



Common
Migrant/Breeder:
May through
Sept.
Habitat: Sandy
beaches



Roseate Tern



State-listed
Breeder: May
through Sept.
Habitat:
Offshore islands,
shoreline



Spotted Sandpiper



Common
Breeder: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats



Lesser Yellowlegs



Common
Migrant: March
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Greater Yellowlegs



Common
Migrant: March
through Dec.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Short-billed Dowitcher



Common
Migrant: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Marshes,
mudflats

Willet



Common
Breeder: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



American Oystercatcher



State-listed
Breeder: March
through Nov.
Habitat: Shoreline



Black Skimmer




Uncommon
Migrant/Breeder:
April through Oct.
Habitat: Sandy or
gravel beaches




Whimbrel



Uncommon
Migrant: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes,
coastal grasslands



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Common Shorebirds of Connecticut



An Identification Guide



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Semipalmated Sandpiper



Common
Migrant: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Least Sandpiper



Common
Migrant: April
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



White-rumped Sandpiper



Common
Migrant: May
through Nov.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Pectoral Sandpiper



Common
Migrant: March
through May and
July through Nov.
Habitat: Mudflats,
marshes, short
grassy fields

Red Knot



Uncommon
Migrant: April
through Sept.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats



Ruddy Turnstone



Common
Migrant
Year-round
Habitat: Sandy and
rocky beaches,
mudflats



Sanderling



Common
Migrant
Year-round
Habitat: Sandy
beaches, mudflats



Dunlin



Common
Migrant
Year-round
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Piping Plover



State-listed
Breeder: March
through Sept.
Habitat: Sandy
beaches



Semipalmated Plover



Common
Migrant: March
through Oct.
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Killdeer



Common
Breeder
Year-round
Habitat: Open
grassy areas

Black-bellied Plover



Common
Migrant
Year-round
Habitat: Beaches,
mudflats, marshes



Herring Gull



Common
Breeder
Year-round
Habitat: Shoreline



Laughing Gull



Common
Nonbreeder:
April through Nov.
Habitat: Sandy
beaches, marshes



Great Black-backed Gull



Common
Breeder
Year-round
Habitat: Shoreline



Ring-billed Gull



Common
Nonbreeder:
Year-round
Habitat: Shoreline

