

### Least Tern



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



### Lesser Yellowlegs



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



### American Oystercatcher



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



### Common Tern



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



### Greater Yellowlegs



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



### Black Skimmer



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



### Roseate Tern



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



### Short-billed Dowitcher



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

### Whimbrel



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

### Spotted Sandpiper



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



### Willet




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



# Common Shorebirds of Connecticut



## An Identification Guide



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### Semipalmated Sandpiper



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



### Red Knot



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



### Piping Plover



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



### Herring Gull



Common  
Breeder  
Year-round  
Habitat: Shoreline



### Least Sandpiper



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



### Ruddy Turnstone



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



### Semipalmated Plover



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



### Laughing Gull



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



### White-rumped Sandpiper



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



### Sanderling



Common  
Migrant  
Year-round  
Habitat: Sandy beaches, mudflats



### Killdeer



Common  
Breeder  
Year-round  
Habitat: Open grassy areas

### Great Black-backed Gull



Common  
Breeder  
Year-round  
Habitat: Shoreline



### Pectoral Sandpiper



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

### Dunlin



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



### Black-bellied Plover



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



### Ring-billed Gull



Common  
Nonbreeder: Year-round  
Habitat: Shoreline

