

Spotted Redshank. Albufera, Mallorca, Spain. 13th April 2011.  
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# List of *Tringa* Waders with References

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## Introduction

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## Redshank

***Tringa totanus*** [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

[*T.t. totanus*] Orkney, Shetland & N Scandinavia S thru Ireland & Britain to Iberian peninsula, N Italy, Tunisia & Turkey and E to W Siberia. Winters Mediterranean to tropical Africa, India & Indonesia.

[*T.t. robusta*] Iceland, Faeroes and possibly Scotland. Winters Ireland, Britain & W Europe.

[*T.t. ussuriensis*] S Siberia & Mongolia E to N Manchuria & Russian Far East. Winters E Mediterranean & E Africa thru Red Sea, Persian Gulf & Arabia to W India and probably further E.

[*T.t. terrignotae*] S Manchuria. Winters in SE & E Asia.

[*T.t. craggi*] NW Xinjiang (NW China). Winters probably E China.

[*T.t. eurhina*] Pamir Mts. (C Asia), N India and C & S Tibet. Winters India.

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## Marsh Sandpiper

*Tringa stagnatilis* [Bechstein 1803, Germany].

W Russia & E Ukraine E to EC Siberia with isolated populations in Ussuriland & W Heilongjiang (NE China). Winters Mediterranean & sub-Saharan Africa thru Persian Gulf & S Asia to Indonesia & Australia.

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## Greenshank

*Tringa nebularia* [Gunnerus 1767, district of Trondheim, Norway].

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## Nordmann's Greenshank

*Tringa guttifer* [Nordmann 1835, Okhotsk].

Sakhalin & western Sea of Okhotsk and possibly northern Sea of Okhotsk & Kamchatka. Winters NE India, Bangladesh, Myanmar & Hainan S to Malay peninsula and possibly South Korea.

Other name: Spotted Greenshank.

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## Greater Yellowlegs

***Tringa melanoleuca*** [Gmelin 1789, Chateaux Bay, Labrador].

S Alaska & British Columbia E to Labrador, Newfoundland, Anticosti Island & NE Nova Scotia. Winters British Columbia & the Carolinas S thru Mexico & Central America and West Indies S to Tierra del Fuego.

1st WP Record: 18th September 1906. The Abbey, Tresco, Isles of Scilly, England. Capt. Arthur Dorrien-Smith. Shot (**Palmer, P.** 2000. *First for Britain and Ireland 1600-1999*. Arlequin Press).

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## Lesser Yellowlegs

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Alaska S to SC Canada and E to James Bay. Winters S USA S thru Mexico & Central America and West Indies S to Tierra del Fuego.  
Probable 1st WP Record: Winter of 1854-1855. Misson, Nottinghamshire, England. Shot (**Palmer, P.** 2000. *First for Britain and Ireland 1600-1999*. Arlequin Press).
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## Green Sandpiper

***Tringa ochropus*** [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

Scandinavia & E Europe E thru C Asia to E Siberia with isolated populations in Kyrgyzstan & NW Xinjiang (NW China). Winters Mediterranean & tropical Africa and Turkey thru the Middle East & Indian subcontinent to S Japan, E China, Philippines & N Borneo with some few wintering in W & WC Europe and sheltered valleys of Tien Shan Mts (C Asia).

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## Solitary Sandpiper

***Tringa solitaria*** [Wilson 1813, Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania].

[*T.s. solitaria*] E British Columbia E thru SC Canada to Quebec & Labrador. Winters Central America and West Indies S to Argentina and occasionally S USA.

[*T.s. cinnamomea*] C & S Alaska thru W Northwest Territories and N British Columbia E to NE Manitoba. Winters N South America S to C Argentina.

1st WP Record: Prior to 1870. Banks of the River Clyde on the higher grounds of Lanarkshire, Scotland. Shot (**Palmer, P.** 2000. *First for Britain and Ireland 1600-1999*. Arlequin Press).

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## Wood Sandpiper

*Tringa glareola* [Linnaeus 1758, Sweden].

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## **Grey-tailed Tattler**

*Tringa brevipes* [Vieillot 1816, Timor].

Putorana Mts (NC & NE Siberia) and Verkhoyansk Mts & Transbaikalia E to Anadyrland and probably Kamchatka & N Kuril Islands. Winters Taiwan, Malay peninsula & Philippines thru Indonesia, New Guinea & Solomon Islands to Australia with some few reaching New Zealand, Fiji & Tuvalu.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Heteroscelus brevipes*.

Other names: Grey-rumped Tattler, Polynesian Tattler, Siberian Tattler, Grey-tailed Sandpiper, Grey-rumped Sandpiper.

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## Wandering Tattler

*Tringa incana* [Gmelin 1789, Moorea (Eimeo), Society Group, Pacific Ocean].

Extreme NE Siberia & S Alaska E to the Yukon R & NW British Columbia. Winters SW USA & W Mexico, Ecuador & Galápagos Islands and Hawaiian Islands and C & S Pacific Islands to E New Guinea & NE Australia.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Heteroscelus incanus*.

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## Willet

***Tringa semipalmata*** [Gmelin 1789, New York].

[*T.s. semipalmata*] Nova Scotia & New Brunswick S along Atlantic & Gulf of Mexico coasts of USA and West Indies. Winters Atlantic & Gulf of Mexico coasts of USA & Mexico S thru Central America & West Indies S to S Brazil.

[*T.s. inornata*] C Alberta & SW Manitoba S to N Colorado & W Nebraska. Winters coastal S USA to N South America mainly on Pacific coast and S to N Chile.

Treated by del Hoyo *et al* 1996 as *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*.

Other name: Eastern Willet (*semipalmata*).

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