

Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus

Size: 20-28 cm Weight: 75-128 g

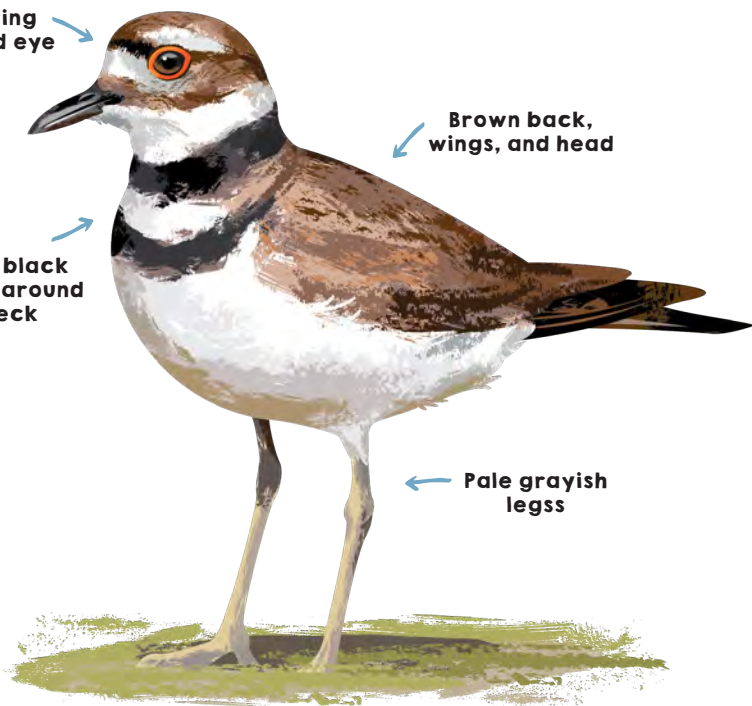


Red ring
around eye

Brown back,
wings, and head

Two black
rings around
neck

Pale grayish
leggs



Named for their alarm call, a *kill-deea*, which is repeated frequently especially in flight.

BREEDING

Adults will pretend to have a broken-wing to pull predators away from their nests and chicks.

HABITAT

Fields, mudflats, parking lots, golf courses

BEHAVIOR

Like other plovers, hunt for prey by sight, using the run-stop-scan strategy.