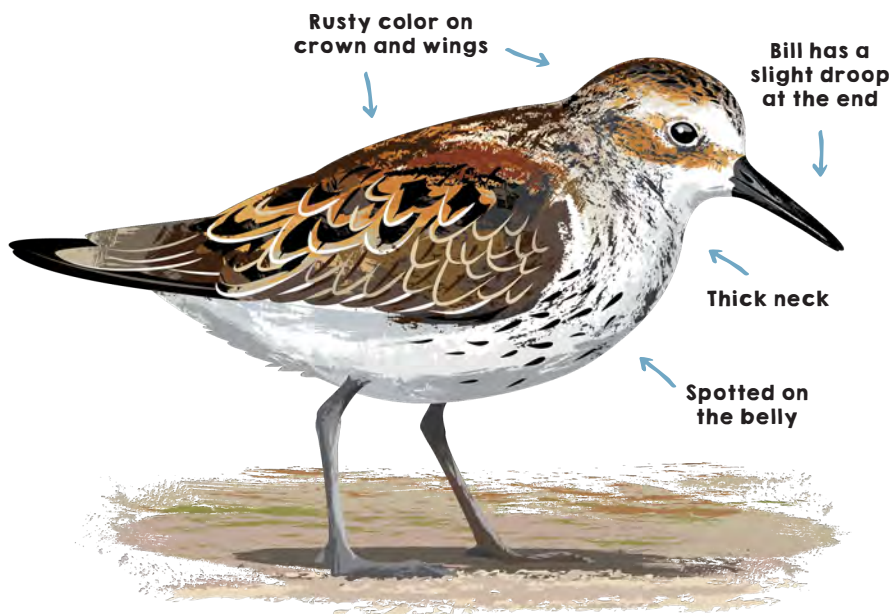


Western Sandpiper

Calidris mauri

Size: 14-17 cm Weight: 22-35 g



They have a bristled tongue that acts like a sponge to help them slurp up biofilm, bacteria and single-celled algae on the surface of mud.

BREEDING

Chick hatching will peak in late June and within 17-18 days chicks will be preparing to migrate in mid-august.

HABITAT

Mudflats, agricultural fields, lakeshores

BEHAVIOR

Feeds day and night with slow and steady foraging behavior on mudflats.