

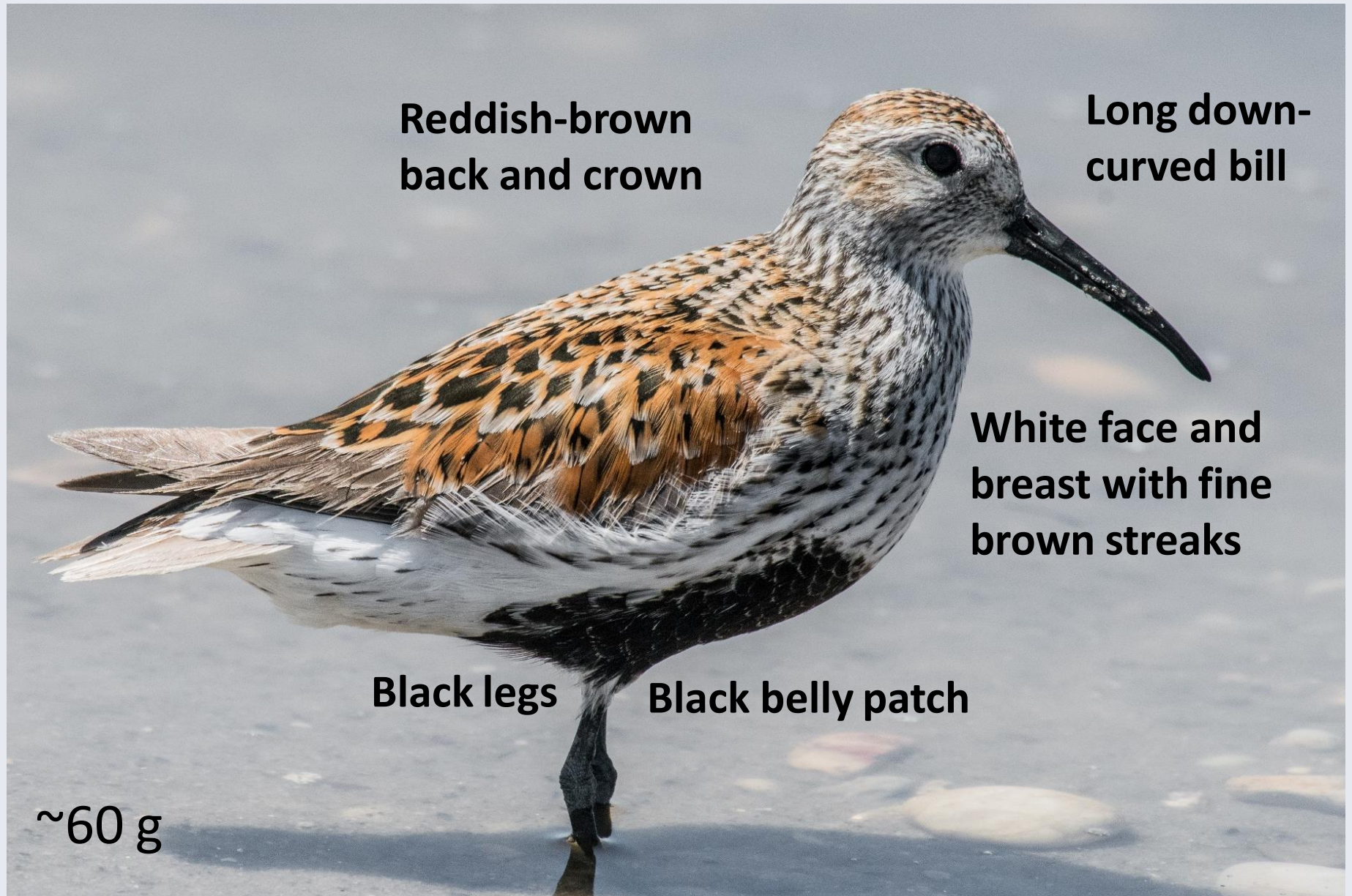


# Other Common Sandpipers in Delaware (*Calidris* and *Catoptrophorus*)

# Dunlin

*Calidris alpina*

## Alternate Plumage



**Reddish-brown  
back and crown**

**Long down-  
curved bill**

**White face and  
breast with fine  
brown streaks**

**Black legs**

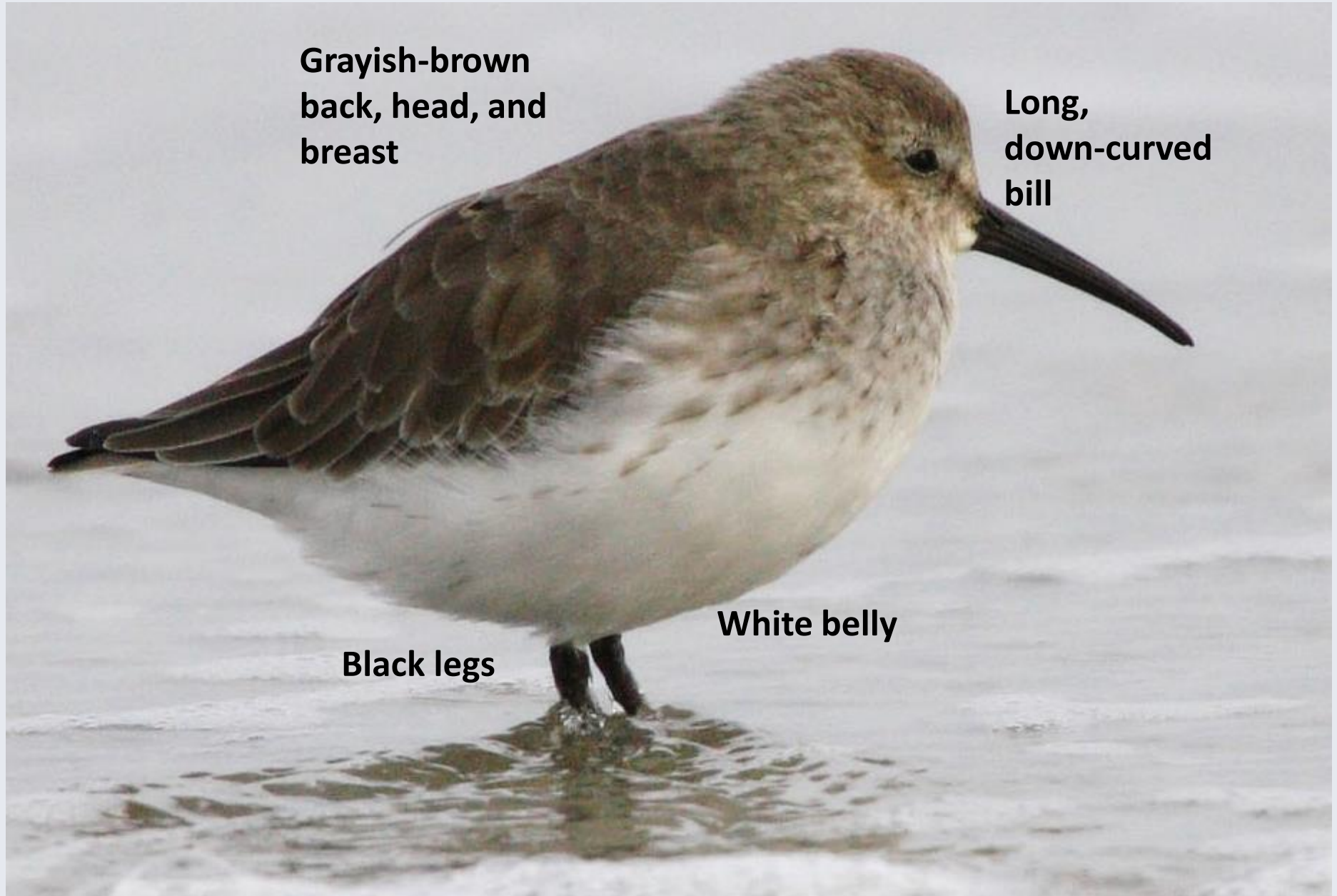
**Black belly patch**

**~60 g**

# Dunlin

*Calidris alpina*

## Basic Plumage

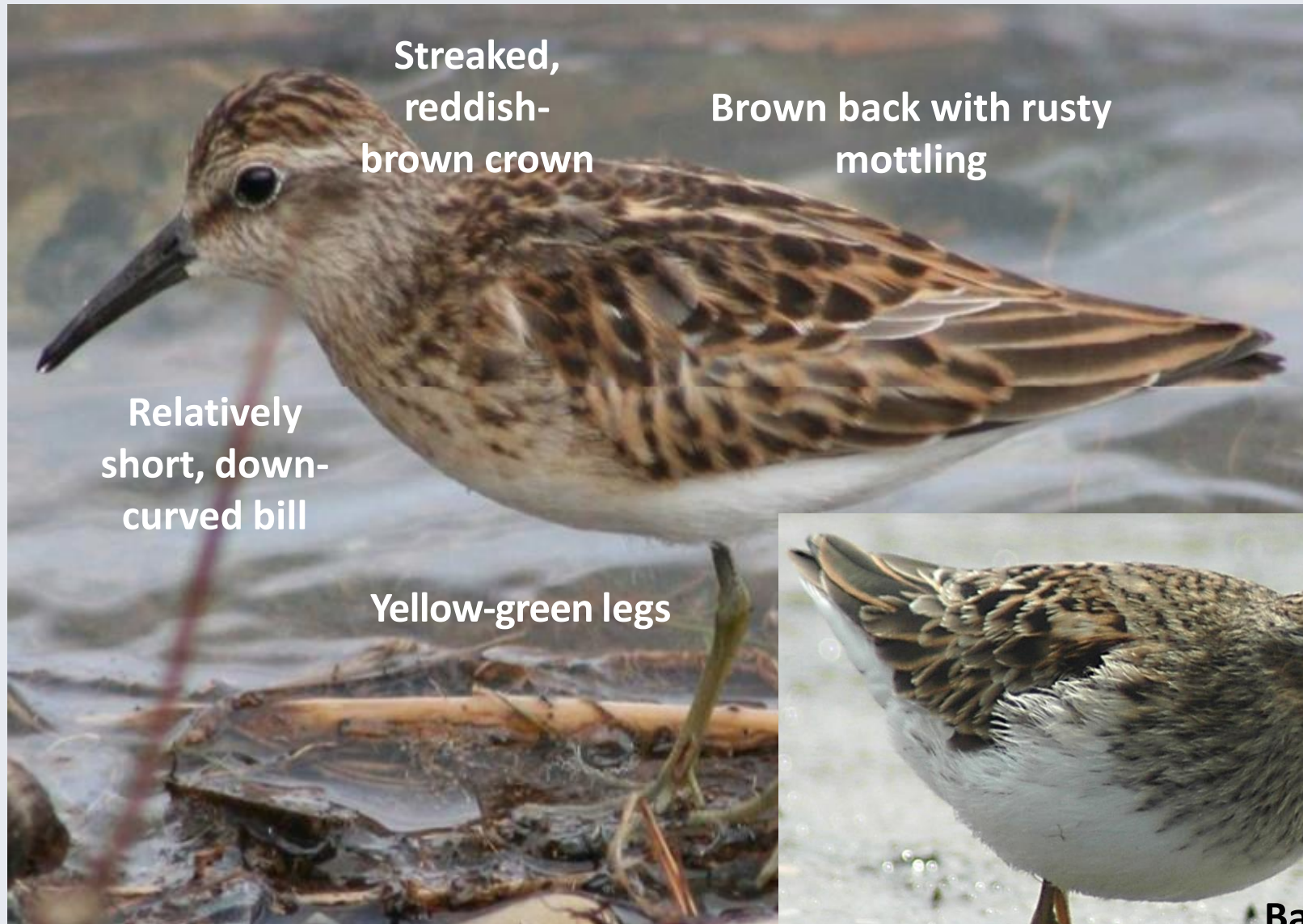


# Least Sandpiper

*Calidris minutilla*

~20 g

Alternate Plumage



Streaked,  
reddish-  
brown crown

Brown back with rusty  
mottling

Relatively  
short, down-  
curved bill

Yellow-green legs

Chris Bennet



Bands of fine  
streaks on breast

Rob Robinson

# Least Sandpiper

*Calidris minutilla*

## Basic Plumage



Brown back and crown

Relatively short,  
fine-tipped,  
down-curved  
bill

Yellow-green legs

White belly

# Spotted Sandpiper

*Actitis macularius*

Rob Robinson

Medium-sized  
shorebird with  
unique bobbing  
behavior



Orangish  
bill



Dark belly  
spots on adults



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Rob Robinson

# Willet

*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

~215 g

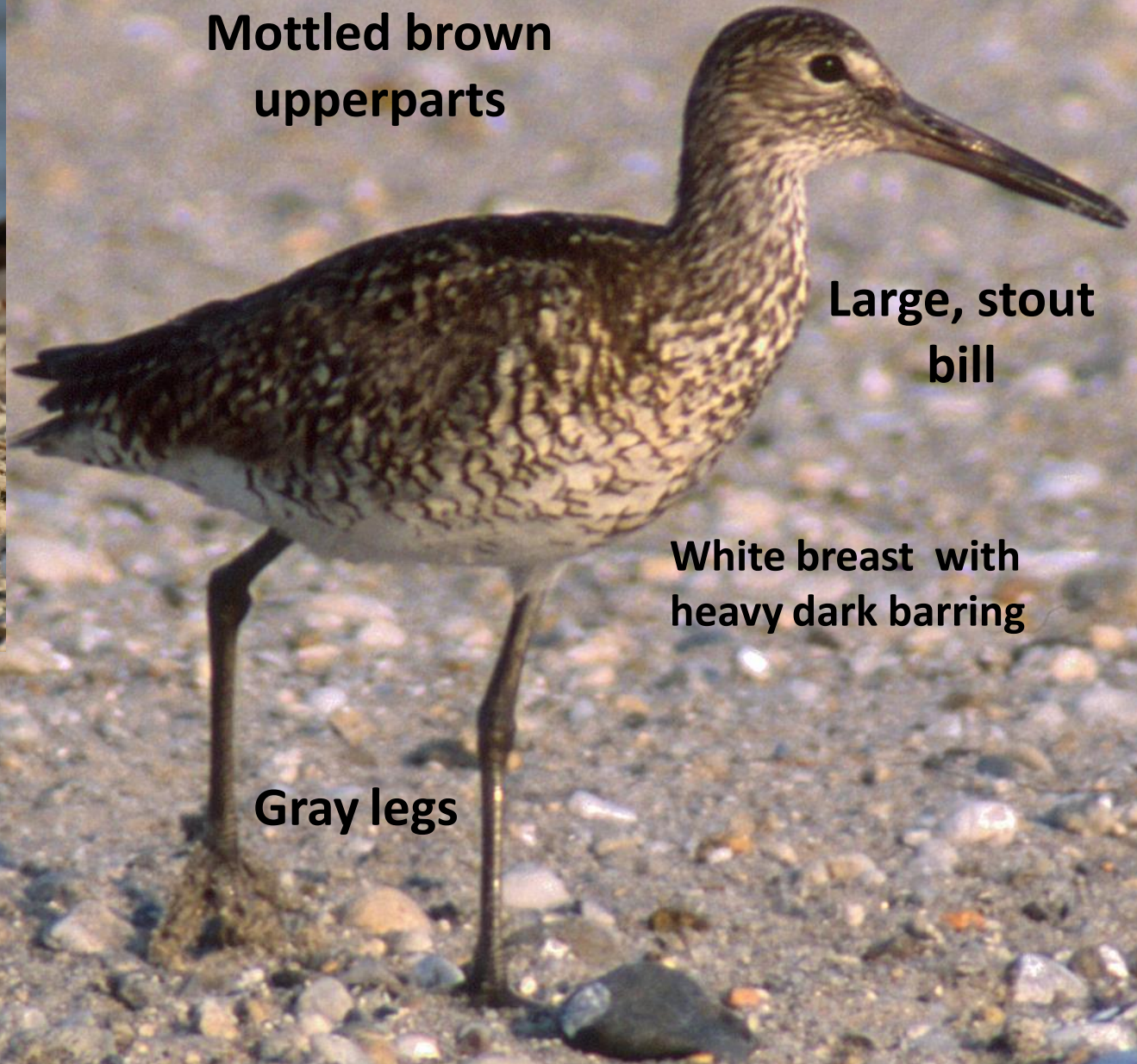
Alternate Plumage

**Bold black & white  
wing pattern**



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**Mottled brown  
upperparts**



**Large, stout  
bill**

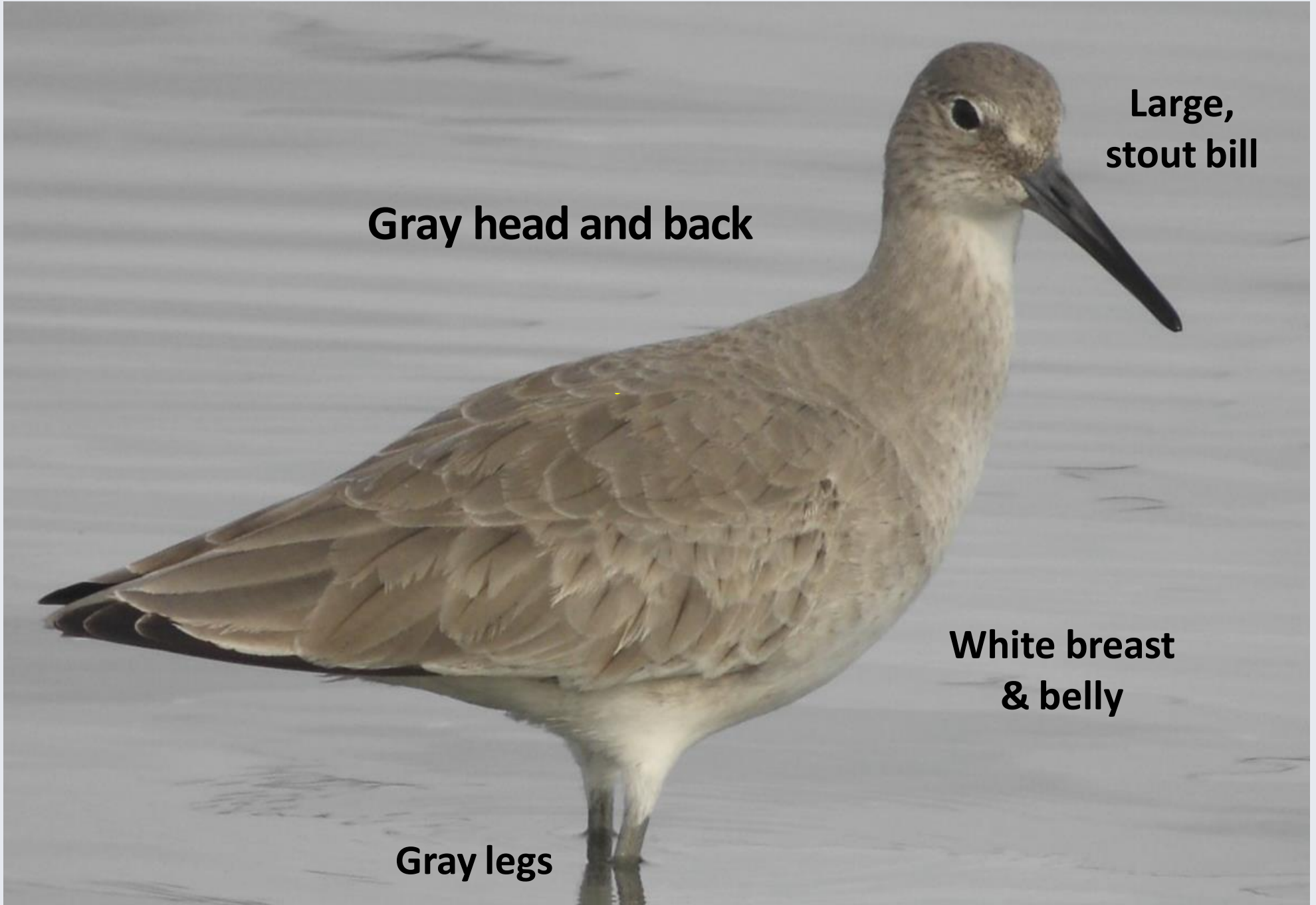
**White breast with  
heavy dark barring**

**Gray legs**

# Willet

*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

## Basic Plumage



**Large,  
stout bill**

**Gray head and back**

**White breast  
& belly**

**Gray legs**