

Sanderling

Calidris alba



Hannah Tripp



This robin-sized bird can be found in Delaware in every month of the year.

~60 g

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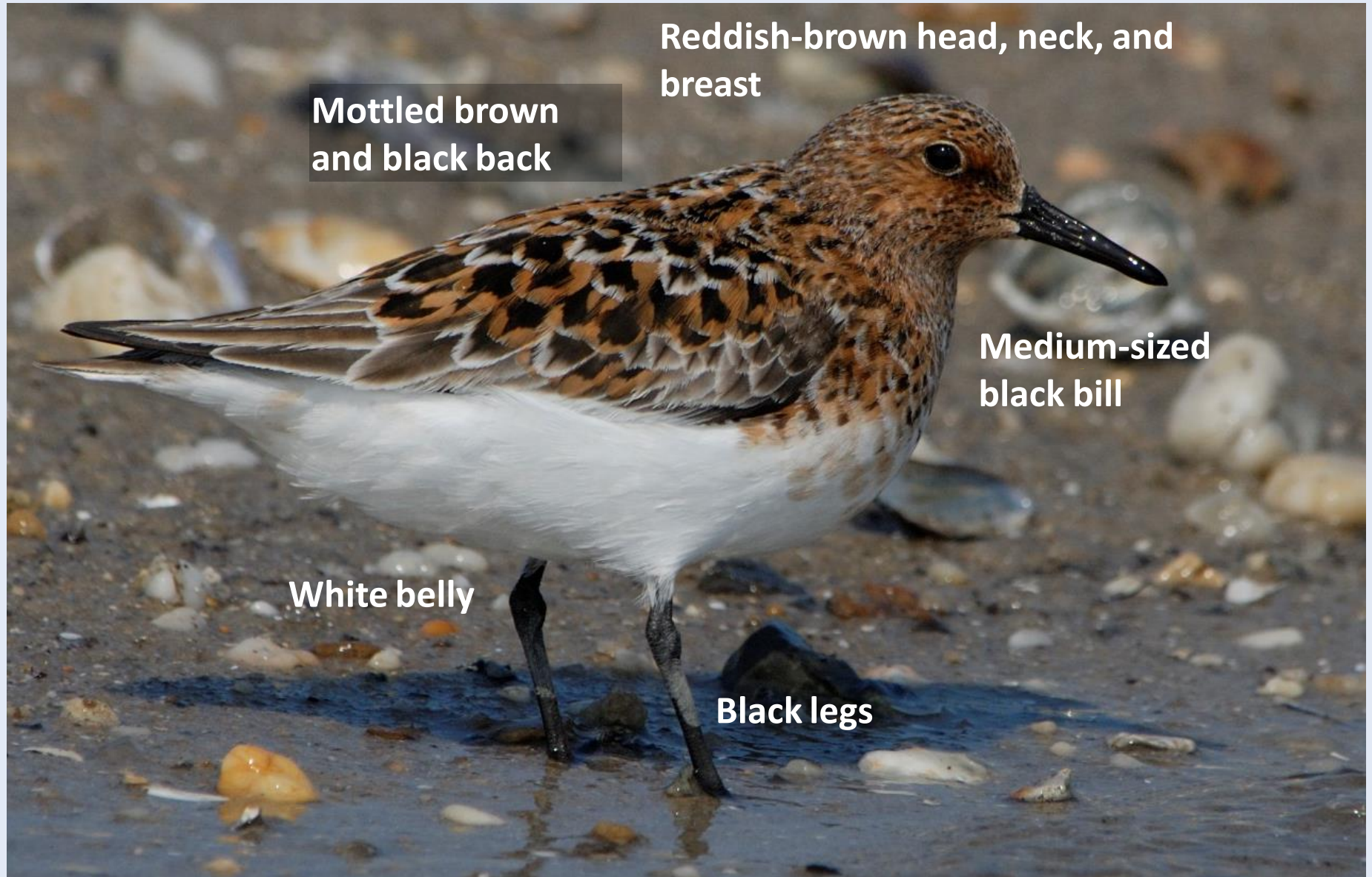


Like ruddy turnstones, the sex of some sanderlings can be determined by differences in breeding plumage. Males tend to be bright reddish-brown on the breast, throat, and head. Females are generally a dull brown although there is much variation in the species regarding plumage and bill size and shape.

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Alternate Plumage ♂



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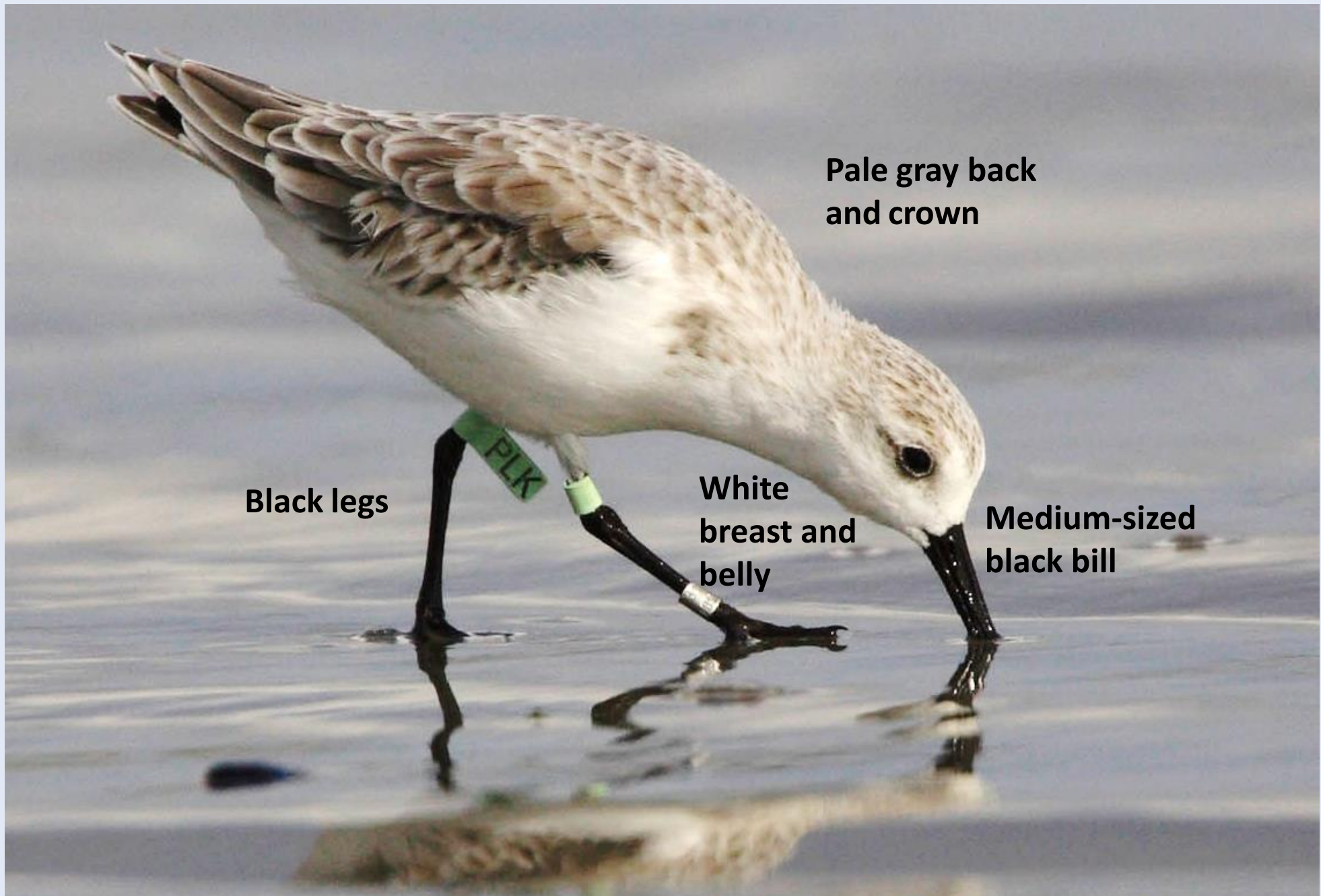


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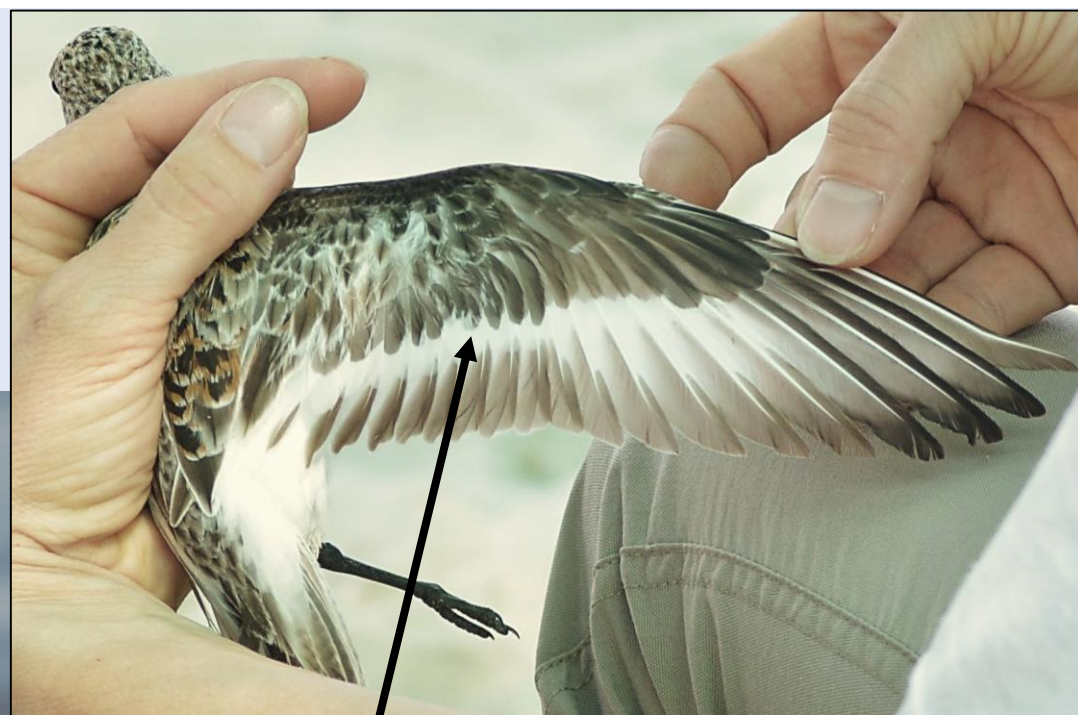
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Basic Plumage



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Greg Breese



Broad white wing stripe

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Sanderlings in the field



Rob Robinson



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Size comparison of sanderlings to other common shorebirds

