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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spoon-billed Sandpiper

Calidris pygmaea

The spoon-billed sandpiper (Calidris pygmaea) is a sparrow-sized wader with a spatulate bill unlike that of any other shorebird, swept side to side through shallow water and soft mud in a scything ac…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Scolopacidae
Habitat: Coastal mudflats and tundra wetlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 5-9 years
Weight: 25-30 g
Scientific name: Calidris pygmaea

Did you know?

- Fewer than 700 adult Spoon-billed Sandpipers are believed to remain in the wild, making them critically close to extinction.
- The spoon-shaped bill is unique among the world's roughly 250 wader species. The whole world population would fit comfortably inside a single small h…

What I learned

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