

Bird of the Month - August

Long-billed Dowitcher



Long-billed Dowitcher (Breeding)



Long-billed Dowitcher (Non-breeding)

IDENTIFICATION

- **Males and females look alike**
- **Long bill**
- **Pale stripe above the eye**
- **Breeding Season - Cinnamon colored**
- **Non-breeding - Gray with some brown**
- **Feeds with rapid up and down motion like a sewing machine**

FOOD

- **Feeds on small crustaceans and worms while probing the mud**
- **Forages in mud flats**

PREDATORS

- **Falcons**

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- **Does not nest in the wetlands, found only in migration**
- **Spends the winter in Mexico, S. America and along the coast**
- **Nests in the high arctic**
- **Close relative of the much rarer Short-billed Dowitcher**
- **Very similar to the Wilson's Snipe so be careful**