

Bird of the Month - September

Greater Yellowlegs



IDENTIFICATION

- **Large shorebird with bright yellow legs**
- **Gray-brown back with spots of white**
- **Bill is longer than the head is deep**
- **Nests mostly in the arctic but we see them in the spring and fall migration**

FOOD

- **Feeds on insects, small fish, small frogs, snails and other small invertebrates**

PREDATORS

- **Adults are killed by raptors such as Peregrine Falcons and Northern Harriers.**

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- **Habitat - Can be found anywhere there is shallow water.**
- **Males and females look alike**
- **The very similar Lesser Yellowlegs is smaller, shorter billed and usually only seen in the fall**
- **Greater Yellowlegs call often with their doo-doo-doo call. The Lesser Yellowlegs gives a two note doo-doo call.**
- **Despite being one of our most common shorebirds in migration, their tendency to nest in remote northern bogs makes them very hard to study**
- **Because of their long legs, Greater Yellowlegs can wade and feed in deeper water than most other shorebirds**