

# Bird of the Month - July

## Spotted Sandpiper



Breeding Spotted Sandpiper



Baby Spotted Sandpiper



Non-breeding Spotted Sandpiper

### IDENTIFICATION

- Males are slightly smaller than females
- Bobs up and down near the edge of the water
- White line through the eye
- Breeding Season - Gray and white with dark breast spots
- Non-breeding - Gray and white without the spots
- Shallow, fast, fluttering wing beats in flight

### FOOD

- Feed on small crustaceans, small insects and their larvae
- True “shorebird”, forages near the water’s edge

### PREDATORS

- Falcons, raccoons, skunks, crows and gulls

### BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- Most widespread shorebird in North America
- Spends the winter in Mexico, S. America and along the coast
- Nest on the ground under vegetation near water
- Reasons for the bobbing behavior not well understood
- Very similar to the Solitary Sandpiper so be careful