

Table 1. World and Illinois Population Estimates for Shorebirds

Species	World Population estimate	Illinois Population estimate
Black-bellied Plover	150,000	1,000-2,500 (most FO?)
American Golden-Plover*	150,000	50,000-75,000+
Semipalmated Plover	150,000	5,000-10,000
Piping Plover*	3,450 (Gr. Lks & Gr. Plains)	100-300 (most FO)
Killdeer	2,000,000	100,000-200,000+migrants; 25,000-50,000 pr. breed
Black-necked Stilt	150,000	0-5 pr. breed
American Avocet	450,000	100-200
Greater Yellowlegs*LE	100,000	10,000-15,000
Lesser Yellowlegs*LE	500,000	80,000-100,000
Solitary Sandpiper*LE	25,000 (both races)	2,000-4,000
Willet	160,000 (inland race)	200-1,000 (mostly FO)
Spotted Sandpiper	150,000	no estimate for migrants; 1,000-3,000 pr. breed
Upland Sandpiper*	350,000	500-1,000 migrants; 250-500 pr. breed
Eskimo Curlew	fewer than 50?	0-5
Whimbrel	17,000 (Hudson Bay race)	50?
Long-billed Curlew	20,000	0-10 (FO)
Hudsonian Godwit	50,000 (both races)	50-200
Marbled Godwit*	171,500 (1,500-Hudson B.)	25-100 (mostly FO)
Ruddy Turnstone	235,000	500-2,500
Red Knot	320,000 (2 of 3 subsp.)	50-200
Sanderling*	300,000	2,500-5,000
Semipalmated Sandpiper	3,500,000	10,000-25,000
Western Sandpiper	3,500,000	500-2,500+ (many FO)
Least SandpiperLE	600,000	20,000-35,000
White-rumped Sandpiper	400,000	500-2,500
Baird's Sandpiper	300,000	250-1,000
Pectoral Sandpiper*LE	400,000	30,000-50,000
Purple Sandpiper	15,000 (N America only)	1-10
Dunlin	975,000 (2 of 3 subsp.)	10,000-20,000
Stilt Sandpiper	200,000	1,000-2,500
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	15,000	250-500
Short-billed Dowitcher*	60,000 (hendersoni)	2,500-5,000
Long-billed Dowitcher	500,000	500-2,500
Wilson's Snipe*	2,000,000	20,000-50,000 migrants (50-100 pr. breed)
American Woodcock*	Not Available	no estimate for migrants; 1,000-2,500 pr. breed.
Wilson's Phalarope	1,500,000	100-500; 0-5 pr. breed
Red-necked Phalarope	2,500,000	25-100
Red Phalarope	1,000,000	0-5

FO=fly overs (estimated) \* Important Illinois management species LE = These numbers probably represent much lower estimates for Illinois than the actual numbers, based on unpublished information from the Lake Chautauqua region.