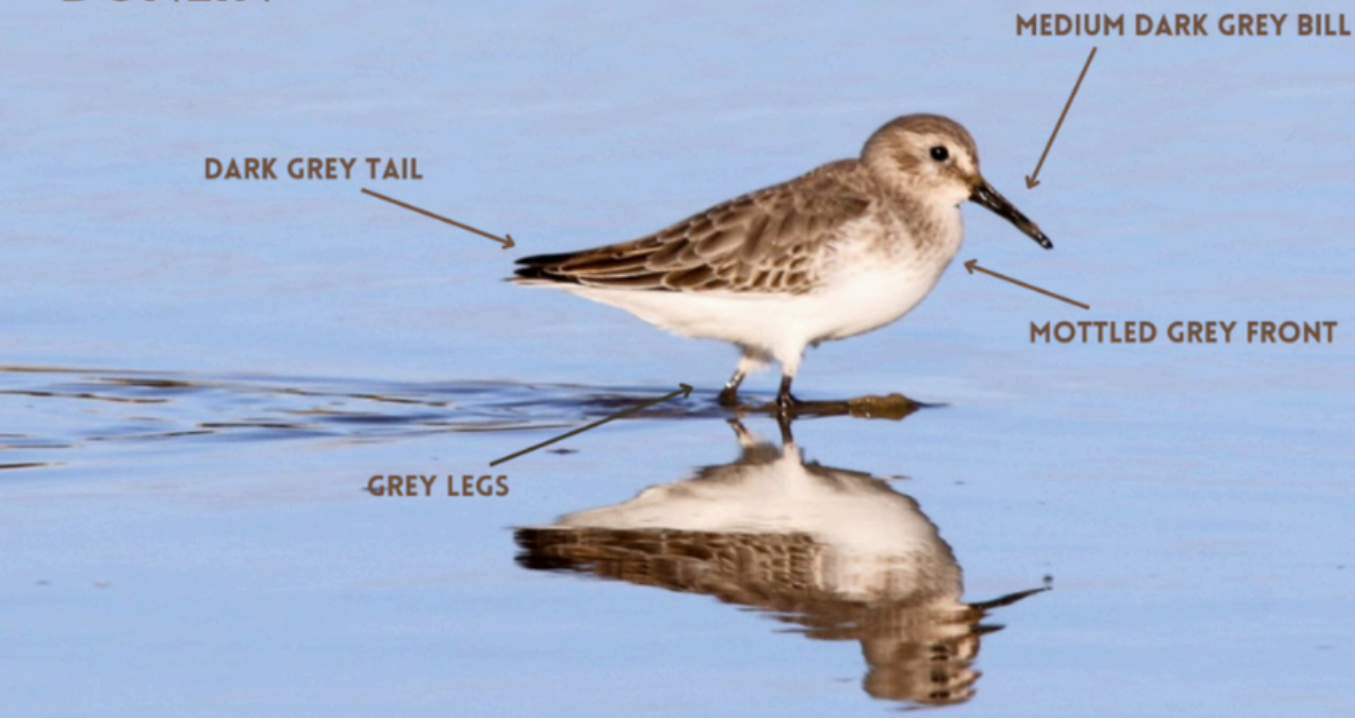


KNOW YOUR DUNLIN



Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

Summer: 9,600 pairs
Winter: 350,000

UK conservation status: **Red**
Protected by The Wildlife and
Countryside Act 1981.

Movements and Migration

There are many different sub-species of Dunlin, the most common in the UK being *alpina* from Iceland. Other birds from Greenland pass through during migration. And some others from Scandinavia winter in the UK. British breeding birds migrate South.

Voice

Usual flight call is a rough 'treep'. Display song on breeding grounds is a piping trill.

Food

Food is taken from the surface, by probing mud or wading in water. Eats insects such as beetles and fly larvae. Also molluscs, microscopic crustaceans and worms.

Threats

Changes in agricultural practices is the Dunlins main threat. But also recreational activities on the coast can disturb roosts, especially during winter.

Migration:
1,185-1375 miles

**Flight Initiation
Distance:**
38 metres

Wingspan:
45-50 cm

Oldest Bird:
28 years

