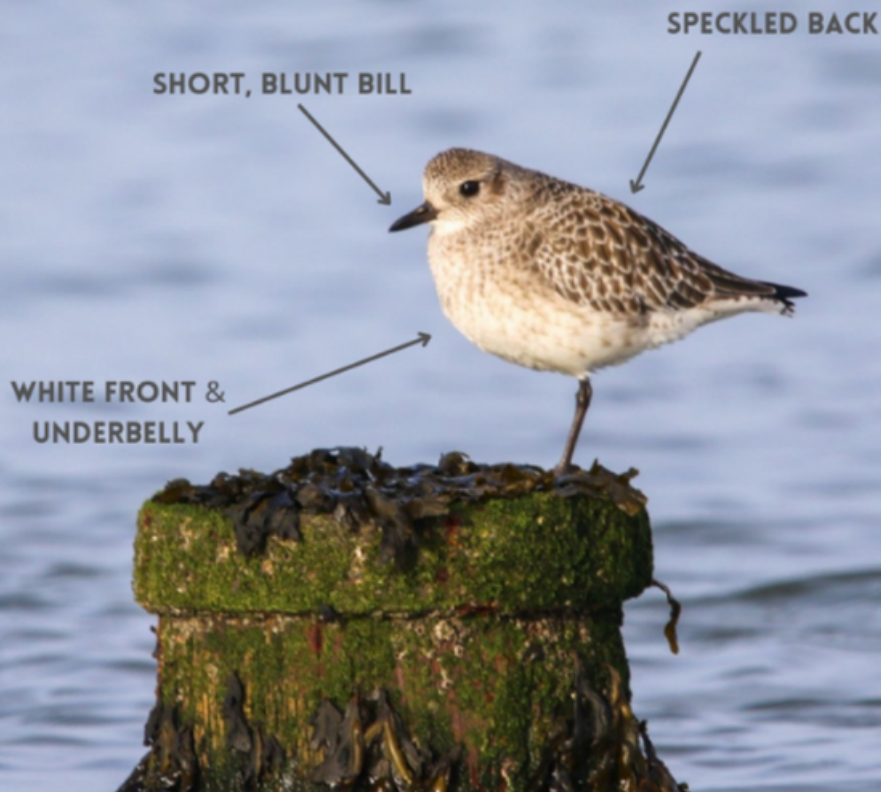


KNOW YOUR GREY PLOVER



Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Summer: 0
Winter: 33,500

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

Movements and Migration

These birds begin to arrive in the UK from Scandinavia and Russia in July. Males tend to winter further north than females, and so a high proportion of birds wintering in the UK may be males. They are capable of completing non-stop flights of up to 6,500km.

Voice

Most usual call is a lonely-sounding and far carrying 'plu-oo-wee', often given in flight.

Food

Feeds on cockles, other small shellfish marine snails, lugworms, ragworms and bristle worms.

Threats

Main threat to Grey Plovers is the loss of habitat along their staging grounds on both the European and North American coasts. And disturbance from recreational activities along their coastal wintering grounds.

Migration:
1,375-3,000 miles

**Flight Initiation
Distance:**
69 metres

Wingspan:
77 cm

Oldest Bird:
25 years

