

The YELLOW-LEGS

There are two distinct species of Yellow-legs and it is the larger of the two, the Greater Yellow-legs, that is illustrated here. The Greater Yellow-legs breed well to the north, from Alaska and Central British Columbia to Labrador, but its migrations southward are undertaken long before one is accustomed to expect any movement of birds.

As early as the third week in June the old birds may be seen along our southern borders on their way South, and by July the young are following them. Numbers remain until the middle of September, but after that date most have gone, and the name "Winter Yellow-leg," which it is known by in many portions of the States, has no significance in Canada.

The BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER

This is the "Beetle-head" of the Atlantic gunner and the Gray Plover of England, the last a much apter name than Black-bellied Plover, as the young birds and winter plumaged adults show no trace of the black under-surface.

This is the largest of the true Plovers and is almost world-wide in its distribution, breeding along the Arctic rim of both continents and travelling as far south as Australia and Peru on its migrations.

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