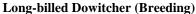
Bird of the Month - August Long-billed Dowitcher







Long-billed Dowitcher (Non-breeding)

IDENTIFICATION

- Males and females look alike
- Long bill
- Pale stripe above the eye
- Breeding Season Cinnamon colored
- Non-breeding Gray with some brown
- Feeds with rapid up and down motion like a sewing machine

FOOD

- Feeds on small crustaceans and worms while probing the mud
- Forages in mud flats

PREDATORS

Falcons

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- Does not nest in the wetlands, found only in migration
- Spends the winter in Mexico, S. America and along the coast
- Nests in the high arctic
- Close relative of the much rarer Short-billed Dowitcher
- Very similar to the Wilson's Snipe so be careful