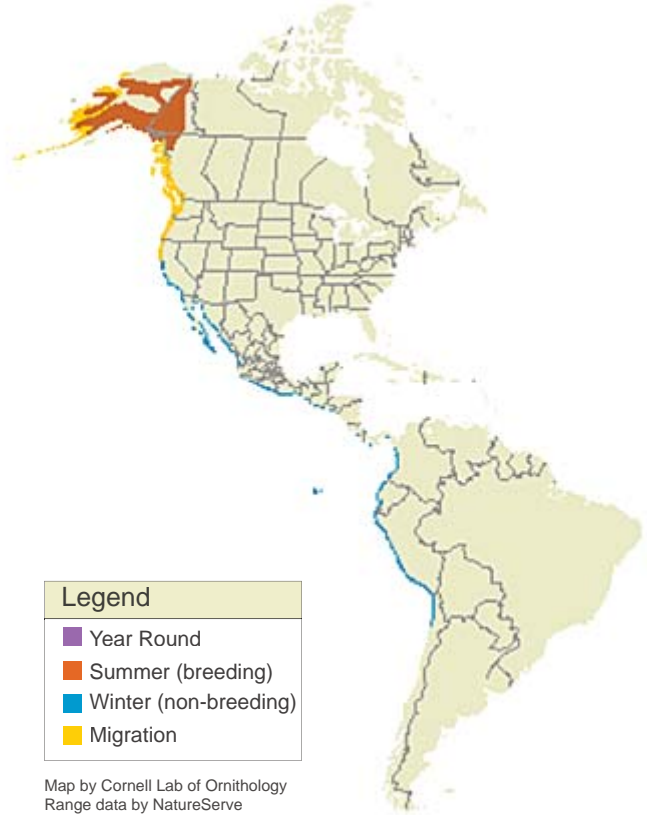


# Wandering Tattler

*Tringa incana*

A characteristic bird of the rocky Pacific Coast, the Wandering Tattler can be seen bobbing and teetering among the rocks and waves during winter and migration. Some individuals spend the summer along the southern part of the range rather than go with the rest of the birds to their breeding grounds in the mountains of Alaska and northwestern Canada.



## Keys to Identification

### Adult Description

- Medium-sized shorebird.
- Short, thick yellow legs.
- Moderately long, straight bill.
- Gray all over.
- Belly white.
- Short white eyestripe.
- Constantly bobs its tail and rear end up and down as it walks.
- Entire underside heavily barred in breeding plumage.
- Plain gray wings and tail.

### Immature Description

Similar to nonbreeding adult, but gray breast and flanks faintly smudged and barred, and back feathers with some whitish tips.

### Cool Facts

- The name “wandering” refers to its widespread occurrence over vast portions of ocean. “Tattler” refers to its voice; its alarm notes alert other birds to a hunter’s presence.

### Measurements

#### Both Sexes

- Length - 10.2 - 11.8 inches
- Wingspan - 19.7 - 21.7 inches
- Weight - 2.1 - 6.0 ounces