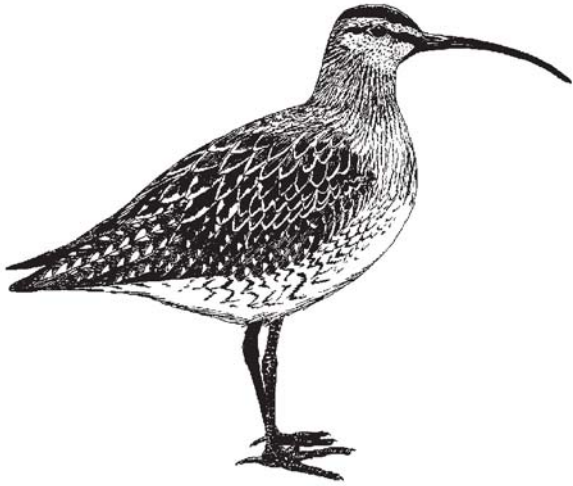


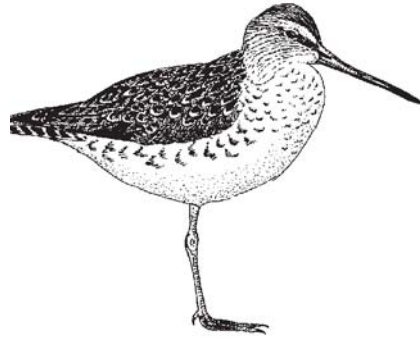
What Can I Eat With This Beak?

Activity Instructions:

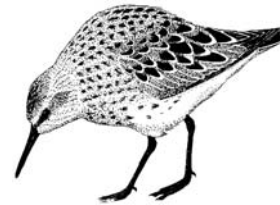
In a wetland or on a beach food is everywhere. Even though you cannot easily see it--shorebirds can!!! Each shorebird species has a uniquely adapted beak to find its food. Below is picture of a beach with food buried in the soil. Your task is to read the clues for each of the shorebirds species and choose which food item in the picture you think the bird is best adapted to eat.



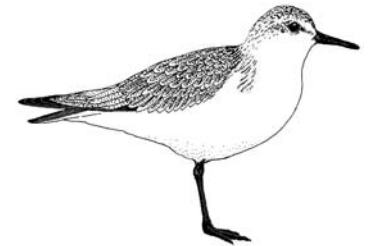
Whimbrel: I am a whimbrel. I use my down curved bill to probe very deeply into the mud for my food.



Long-billed dowitchers: The clue is in my name! I probe deeply in the mud for food.



Western sandpipers: Some people think my beak looks like tweezers when i eat. I probe the mud near the surface.



Sanderling: I nab insects on the surfact of the soil with my beak.

