

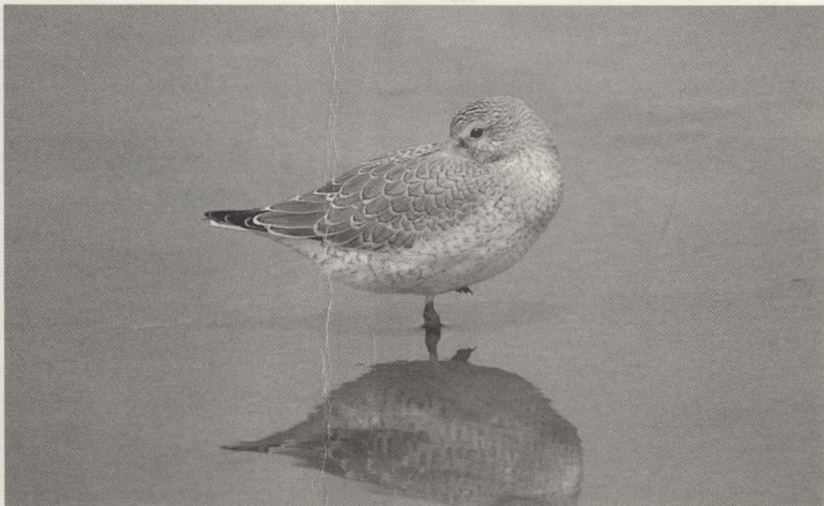
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Snap Judgment 10



On an autumn trip you notice this shorebird standing some distance away in shallow water. It is resting with its bill tucked away, and no other bird is nearby for size comparison. What is the bird?

The answer, a full discussion of the identification, and the name of the photographer will appear in the October 1981 issue of *Continental Birdlife*.



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Drawings in this issue: Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus* on p. 105 and Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* on p. 109 by Marilyn Hoff Stewart.

Cover photograph: Jamaica Bay lies practically in the shadow of the New York City skyscrapers, but every year in late summer the migrant shorebirds arrive there by the thousands. Every year, too, a tall solitary figure prowls Jamaica Bay, camera at the ready, stalking shorebirds. Here a Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* paused to stretch, and was captured on film by New York's shorebird expert and photographer *par excellence*, Thomas H. Davis.

In this photograph notice the fresh unworn plumage and the white wedges spaced along the edges of the tertials, proclaiming this bird to be a juvenile.