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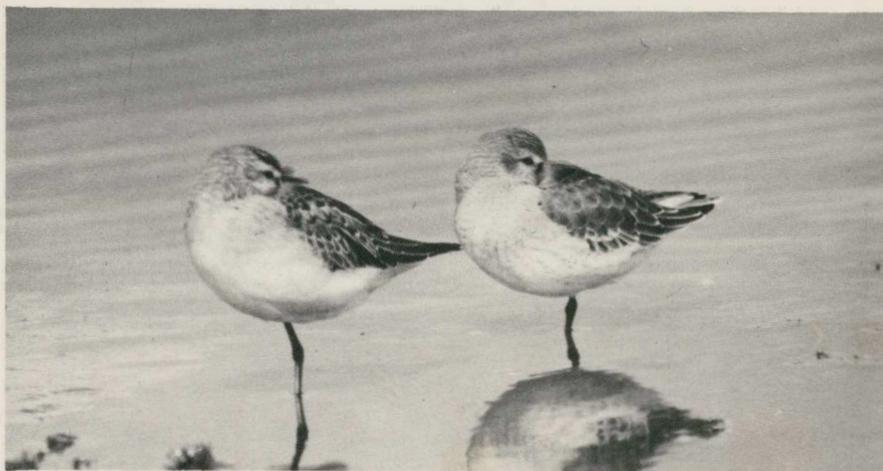
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You're out shorebirding in October when a friend excitedly summons you, exclaiming, "I've found the Curlew Sandpiper! It's standing here next to a Dunlin!" So you hurry over and peer through your friend's telescope:

### Snap Judgment 2



Which bird is the Curlew Sandpiper?

The answer, a discussion of the characteristics supporting the identification, and the name of the photographer will appear in the June 1979 issue of *Continental Birdlife*.

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*Cover photograph:* Face-to-face with a Great Gray Owl *Strix nebulosa*.

*Facing page:* The great owl swoops down, on silent wings, in pursuit of its prey. Both photos taken by David Stemple in late March 1979 at Hatfield, Massachusetts. Great Gray Owls staged a major invasion into New England and adjacent areas during winter 1978-79; two individuals were present in Hatfield for nearly two months.



