

Aberrant plumages in some migratory waders in Australia

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We report aberrant plumages in seven species of migratory waders (shorebirds) seen in Australia over the past 25 years: Bar-tailed Godwit, *Limosa lapponica*, Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*, Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*, Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*, Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* and Double-banded Plover *Charadrius bicinctus*. Evidence that a leucistic Bar-tailed Godwit and a Double-banded Plover with diluted plumage each lived for at least seven years suggests that some plumage aberrations may not have an adverse effect in survival.