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Species Profile

Environmental Conservation Online System

Red Knot (*Calidris canutus* ssp. *rufa*)

Kingdom: Animalia **Class:** Aves **Order:** Ciconiiformes

Family: Scolopacidae

Listing Status: **Candidate**



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General Information

Length: 25-28 cm. Adults in spring: Above finely mottled with grays, black and light ochre, running into stripes on crown; throat, breast and sides of head cinnamon-brown; dark gray line through eye; abdomen and undertail coverts white; uppertail coverts white, barred with black. Adults in winter: Pale ashy gray above, from crown to rump, with feathers on back narrowly edged with white; underparts white, the breast lightly streaked and speckled, and the flanks narrowly barred with gray. Adults in autumn: Underparts of some individuals show traces of the "red" of spring.

States/US

Territories in

which the Red
Knot is known to
or is believed to
occur:

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[Delaware](#) , [Florida](#)
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US Counties in

which the Red
Knot is known to

or is believed to occur: [View All](#)
Countries in which the the Red Knot is known to occur: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile
For more information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/redknot/>

Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
Candidate		Northeast Region (Region 5)	

» Candidate Information

Current Candidate Status

Listing Priority: 3
Magnitude: High
Immediacy: Imminent
Taxonomy: Subspecies/population
Species Assessment: [Species Assessment Form for the Calidris canutus ssp. rufa -- 132Kb](#)
Candidate Notice of Review Documents (Showing 5 of 6: [view all](#))

Date	Citation Page	Title
10/26/2011	76 FR 66370 66439	Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listing as Endangered or Threatened; Annual Notice of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progress on Listing Actions
11/10/2010	75 FR 69222 69294	Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listing as Endangered or Threatened; Annual Notice of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progress on Listing Actions; Proposed Rule
11/09/2009	74 FR 57804 57878	Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listing as Endangered or Threatened; Annual Notice of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progress on Listing Actions
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» Action Plans

Action Plans (Showing 1 of 1)

Date	Title
08/12/2010	Red Knot Spotlight Species Action Plan

» Conservation Plans

Candidate Conservation Agreements (CCA): ([learn more](#)) (Showing 1 of 1)

CCA Plan Summaries
Red Knot Cooperative Agreement

» Petitions

Most Recent Petition Findings (Showing 2 of 2)

Date	Citation Page	Title	Finding
10/26/2011	76 FR 66370 66439	Review of Native Species That Are Candidates for Listing as Endangered or Threatened; Annual Notice of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progress on Listing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice 12 month petition finding, Warranted but precluded• Notice CNOR
		Review of Native Species That Are Candidates or Proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice 12 month petition finding, Warranted but

09/12/2006	71 FR 53756 53835	for Listing as Endangered or Threatened; Annual Notice of Findings on Resubmitted Petitions; Annual Description of Progress on Listing Actions	precluded <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notice 90-day Petition Finding, Substantial• Notice CNOR
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» Life History

No Life History information has been entered into this system for this species.

» Other Resources

[NatureServe Explorer Species Reports](#) -- NatureServe Explorer is a source for authoritative conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals and ecological communities of the U.S and Canada. NatureServe Explorer provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, but includes common plants and animals too. NatureServe Explorer is a product of NatureServe in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network.

[ITIS Reports](#) -- ITIS (the Integrated Taxonomic Information System) is a source for authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

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