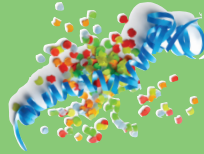
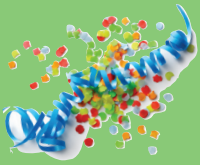


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Outdoor Observations

by Tom Berg



“Spotted sandpipers can be found near water throughout the USA. Photo by Tom Berg.”

The Spotted Sandpiper

There are plenty of shorebirds in North America, but one of the most widespread and interesting ones is the Spotted Sandpiper. These attractive birds are the size of an American Robin, but the spotted sandpiper has a brown back and a white breast with lots of dark brown spots on it (during breeding season, anyway.) Adults have an orange beak with a black tip, and they have a dark brown eye-stripe.

This bird is easily confused with other shorebirds like the Solitary Sandpiper and Lesser Yellowlegs, but its unusual behavior often helps observers identify it. Spotted sandpipers walk along watery shorelines with a strange staggering or teetering motion. Some people even call them teeter-peeps. They bob their tails up and down as they walk, too, looking almost comical as they wade the shallows in search of food.

Since spotted sandpipers are shorebirds, they are almost always found along the shores of lakes, ponds, marshes and rivers. They love searching for food along muddy shorelines, but they are also often seen walking along floating logs and timber, picking off snails, aquatic nymphs and small insects. They especially like hunting among the stones and pebbles of rocky shorelines.

An interesting fact about spotted sandpipers is that the females arrive at the breeding grounds before the males, and the females defend the territory from other birds. Once the female lays her eggs, the male incubates them and after the chicks hatch he takes care of them. Meanwhile, the female often goes off and mates with another male, and lays another clutch of eggs for him to incubate. Surprisingly, one female may lay eggs for three or four different males during one breeding season!

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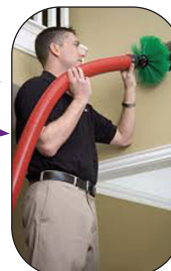
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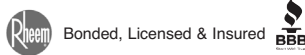


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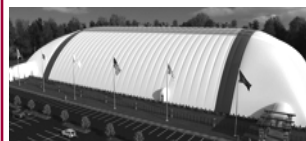
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Gardening Tips

by Jackie Kubiak #12



Tips for Healthy Houseplants

Match plants with light conditions

Houseplants vary in their light requirements. Some prefer the strong light found next to a south-facing window. Others thrive in the soft morning light of an east-facing window.

Choose the right container

It is important to consider size, material and even color.

Use good-quality potting soil

Good potting soil (never use regular garden soil in containers) promotes healthy roots by providing a balance of proper aeration, nutrition and moisture-holding capability. Nurseries and garden centers carry an excellent selection of packaged potting soils.

Water properly

Like all containerized plants, houseplants need frequent, thorough watering. Wet the entire root ball, and let excess water run out the bottom of the pot. Don't leave standing water in the catch-tray for more than a day or two. Doing so can promote root diseases.

Fertilize

The frequent watering required by most houseplants leaches nutrients out of the soil. These must be replaced by regular fertilization.

Increase humidity and prevent drafts

Indoor conditions can be dry and drafty. Keep plants away from heater vents, doorways and drafty windows. Increase humidity by setting plants on trays layered with small pebbles and filled with water.

Keep foliage clean

Dust that accumulates on the leaves of houseplants will block light and harbor insects. Clean leaves by wiping them with a moist towel or, in mild-winter areas, take plants outdoors and hose them off.

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- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 4. Moved back and forth
- 9. One-time coach of the Cowboys
- 14. Last letter
- 15. Cause to become less intense
- 16. Genus of tree bugs
- 17. Body art
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Be filled with love for
- 22. City
- 23. Make vivid
- 24. Horses
- 28. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Shortly
- 31. A type of prejudice
- 33. Whirls
- 37. Six
- 38. Old world, new
- 39. __ Hess, oil company
- 41. Talk
- 42. Not off
- 43. Begets
- 44. Cars need them
- 46. Computing architecture (abbr.)
- 49. Of I
- 50. Journalist, activist Wells
- 51. Takes apart
- 55. Lists
- 58. Positively charged electrode
- 59. Hard, colorless compound
- 60. Inflammation of the peritoneum
- 64. Trent Reznor's band
- 65. Simply dry fruit
- 66. "Ivanhoe" author
- 67. Google certification
- 68. French commune
- 69. Medieval circuit courts
- 70. Soviet Socialist Republic

DOWN

- 1. Indigenous people of Mexico
- 2. Dietary supplement
- 3. Having a particular sheen or luster
- 4. Views
- 5. Academic Bill of Rights
- 6. Automobile
- 7. When you anticipate arriving
- 8. Beef or chicken intestine
- 9. Conspiracy
- 10. Blood disorder
- 11. Long-time NBAer Shawn
- 12. Time zone
- 13. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 19. Upton Sinclair novel
- 21. What a cow does
- 24. Cavalry-sword
- 25. Ancient Greek war galley
- 26. Stars
- 27. Rebukes
- 31. Billion year periods
- 32. Some are in a bottle
- 34. Tears down
- 35. Lethal dose
- 36. Humorists
- 40. Midwestern US state (abbr.)
- 41. Frameworks
- 45. Rocker Billy
- 47. More thin
- 48. Dog
- 52. Habitual repetitions
- 53. State of fuss
- 54. Uneasy
- 56. Chemical compounds
- 57. More cognizant of reality
- 59. A place to build
- 60. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 61. Supplement with difficulty
- 62. Very slick
- 63. Hill or rocky peak

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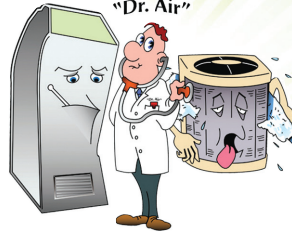
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