

Sanderling

Calidris alba

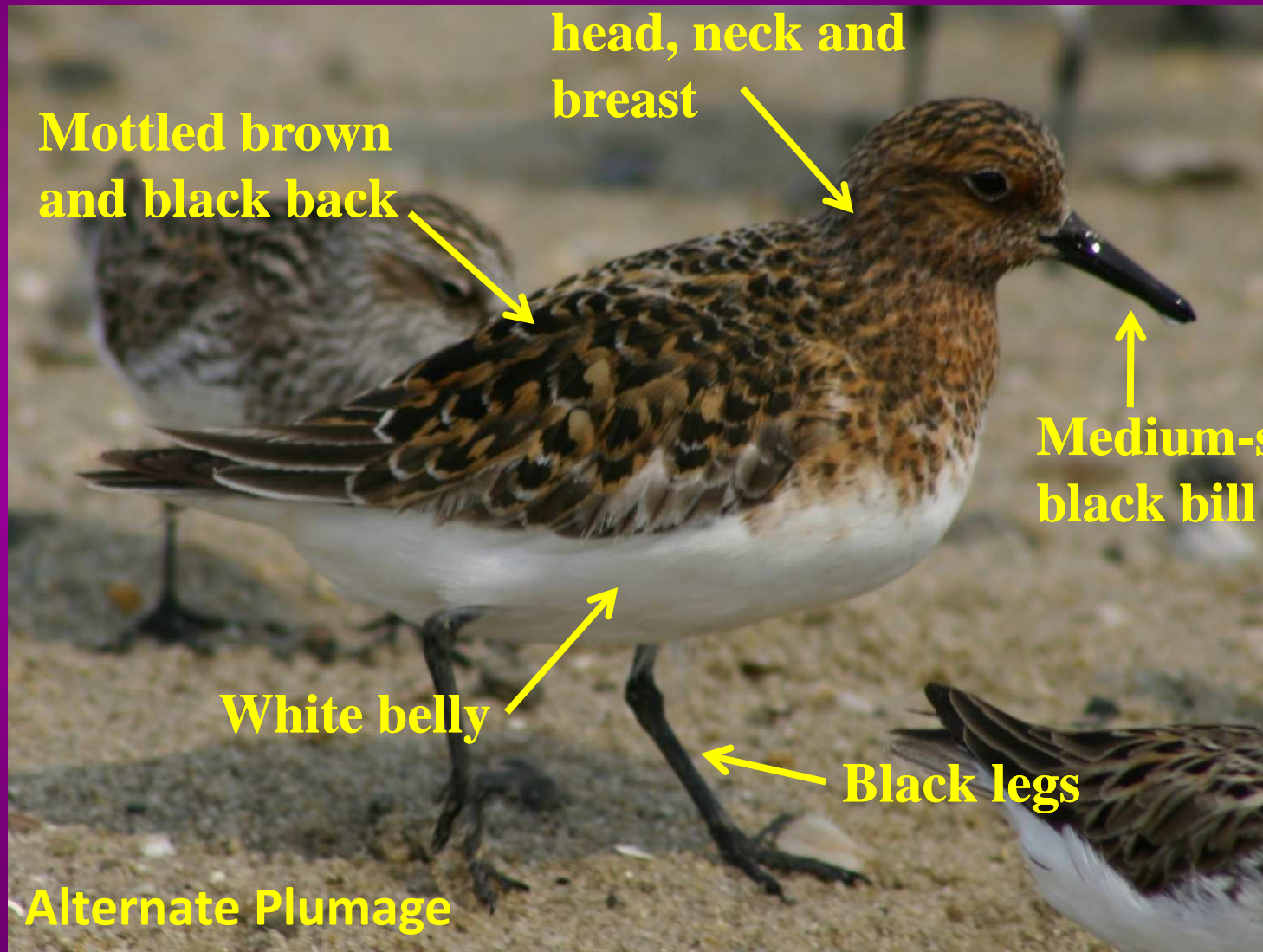


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Sanderlings can be found in Delaware in every month of the year

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**Reddish-brown
head, neck and
breast**

**Mottled brown
and black back**

**Medium-sized
black bill**

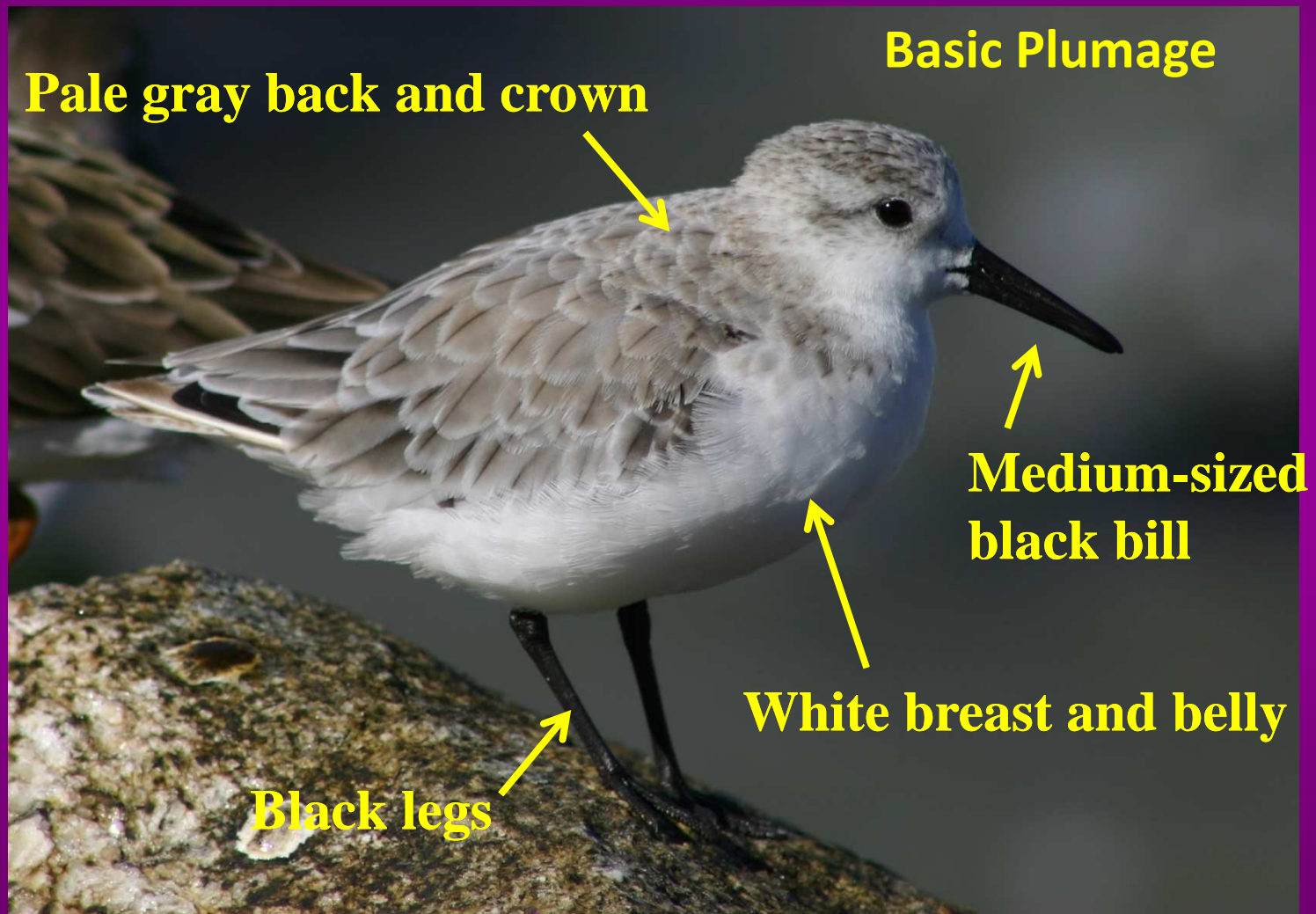
White belly

Black legs

Alternate Plumage

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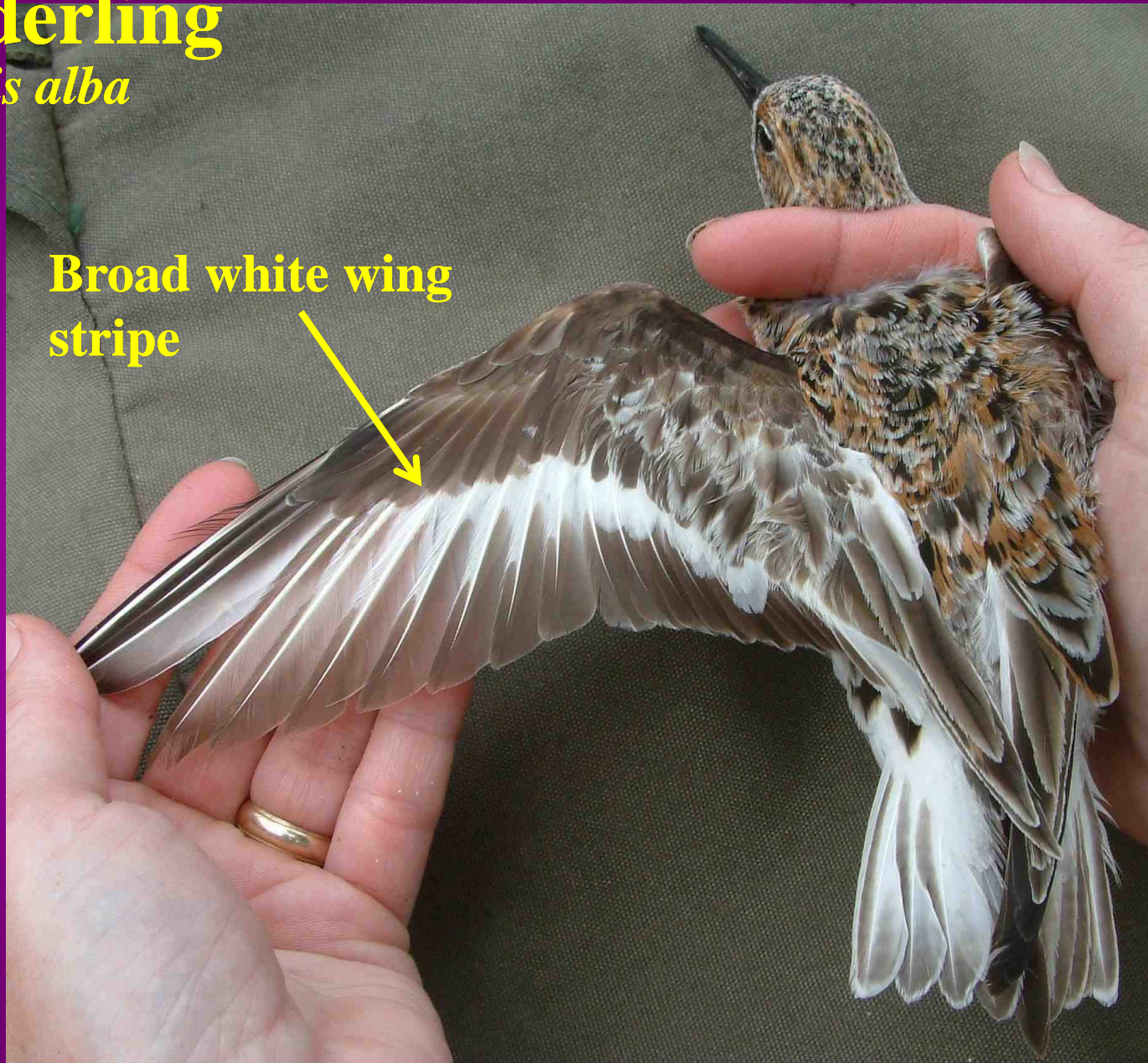
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**Broad white wing
stripe**



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Most birds exhibit much individual variation and shorebirds are no exception. Notice the difference in size and shape of the bills of these four Sanderlings.

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Like Ruddy Turnstones, the sex of some Sanderlings can be determined by differences in plumage. Males tend to be bright reddish-brown on the breast, throat and head. Females are generally a dull brown.