



Spoon-billed Sandpiper

*Critically Endangered:
Fewer than 400 left in the world*



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Spoon-billed Sandpiper, endearingly called 'Spoony', is one of the most threatened migratory birds on this planet, with fewer than 400 individuals. It is a wading bird about the size of a sparrow, with a distinctive spoon-shaped beak. It breeds in Russia and its migratory route is along the Western Pacific coast through Japan, North Korea, South Korea, mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Vietnam, to reach the wintering sites in Bangladesh, Thailand and Myanmar. The main threats are industrial development, land reclamation, pollution, invasive alien plants and poaching.

East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership, as a regional initiative, promotes governments, inter-governmental organisations, non-governmental organisations and private sectors to protect migratory waterbirds, their habitats, and the livelihoods of people dependent upon them in the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.