

Hudsonian Godwit

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Hudsonian Godwit Latest News

The Hudsonian godwit population has plunged 95% in four decades due to a complex mix of environmental changes across multiple countries.

About Hudsonian Godwit

- It is a large **shorebird** in the **sandpiper family, Scolopacidae**.
- The Hudsonian godwit (*Limosa haemastica*) is one of the world's most remarkable travellers.
- **Appearance**
 - It is **graceful shorebirds with long, slightly upturned bills**, long legs, and a glorious breeding plumage of gold, brown, and brick red.
 - They change to a subtle gray-brown nonbreeding plumage.
- **Habitat:** It breeds in **wetland habitats** (sedge meadows and muskeg) in sub-Arctic and Boreal regions.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in **North America and South American countries**.
- **Diet:** These birds forage by **probing in shallow water**. They mainly eat insects and crustaceans.

- It can **fly up to 11,000 km** in one stretch **without stopping to eat, drink or sleep**.
- It travels every year from their **breeding grounds in the Arctic** to Patagonia where they spend the **southern summer**.
- **Threats:** Habitat loss and climate change are among the most urgent threats.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN Red List:** Vulnerable

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