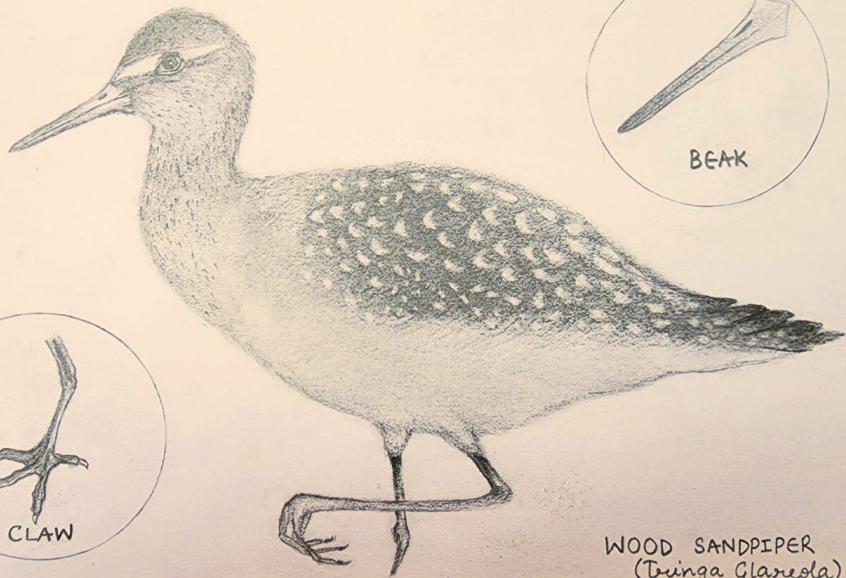




BEAK

CLAW

WOOD SANDPIPER
(*Tringa glareola*)
IUCN Status - Least Concern

Bird Description-

The Wood Sandpiper is a pigeon-sized brown-colored wader with white patches on the upper body and black eyes surrounded by a white arch. Its beak is short, pointed and black; its brown plumage darkens toward the tail. Featuring thin yellow-clawed feet and a white underbody with a light brown neck, it moves with a bobbing motion.

Habitat of the Bird-

The migratory bird resides in marshy wetlands near shallow water and expertly camouflages among small plants and soil. This solitary wader moves with remarkable speed. It migrates across Europe and Asia, reaching Thane Creek during its non-breeding season from late October to early November and remains here until March and early April.

Food preference and feeding Behaviour-

The wood sandpiper consumes algae, aquatic insects, small invertebrates, crustaceans such as crabs and shrimp, mollusks, and tiny fish, swiftly snatching them with its long and sharp beak. It picks and eats its prey with rapid precision, favoring shady-covered areas.

Adaptive features and how they help the bird in Survival-

The wood sandpiper's long, pointed beak enables selective feeding on small invertebrates and aquatic insects. Its clawed feet aid foraging in rocky areas and support swift movement on the sticky ground, enhanced by its lightweight build. Blending perfectly with its surroundings, this bird's brown plumage keeps it hidden from predators like falcons and marsh harriers.