

Advance Publicity for “A Walk on the Beach ... with Sandpipers”

Sandpipers can often be spotted running along the beach, darting in and out of the waves. It's hard to believe that such a tiny bird migrates across continents, but many of the sandpipers seen in Southern Ontario spend their summers on Hudson's Bay and their winters on the Gulf of Mexico. Scientists recently discovered that some Sandpipers are polyandrous – a single female can breed with as many as 5 males in a single season. She moves on while each male takes care of the nest and raises the young! Come take an early morning walk along the shores of Georgian Bay with naturalist and photographer Richard Jordan and learn about this fascinating family of birds.

Richard Jordan is a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He spends his summers at his cottage on Georgian Bay and takes long walks every morning along the beach studying and photographing birds.

The photo below shows a very young Spotted Sandpiper – so young that she doesn't have her spots yet! In the warm weather, a variety of different Sandpipers can be found running along the water's edge on Georgian Bay.

