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of 20%, Least Sandpipers would have about a 3% chance of living to 16 yr of age, so would certainly be captured in fair numbers in population studies like ours on Sable Island. Long-term studies on breeding populations are badly needed to allow such older birds to be detected, and hence to allow more accurate estimation of vital rates.

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