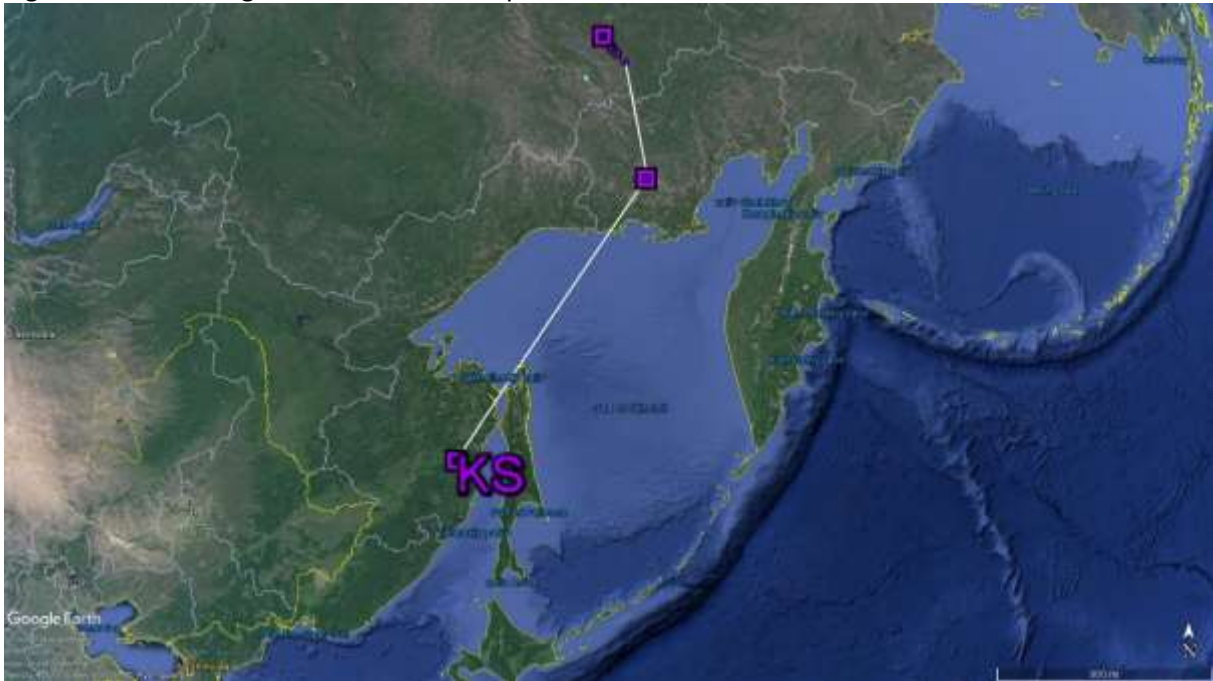


On their way back!

Exciting news over the past 2 weeks, our Whimbrels KS and KU in Siberia have started their southward migration!

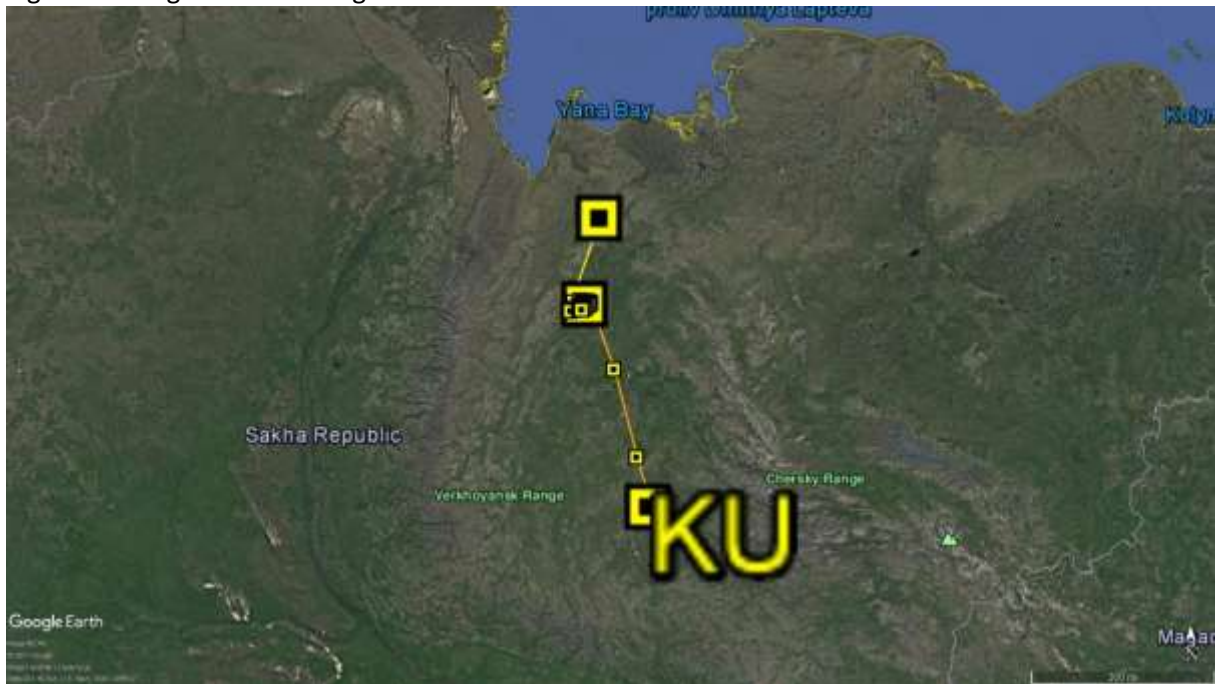
KS left its nesting area on 16-Jul-17 and headed south-east for 636km to Magadan Oblast. It then replenished in the area for 4 days before making another 1,400km flight south-west to Khabarovsk Krai.

Fig 1. Southward migration of KS over the past week



KU departed its nesting area just one day later than KS. It first traveled 136km south to another area along the Verkhoyansk Range. After staying there for 14 days, it started migrating again on 2-Aug-17. Within 4.5 hours, KU has travelled more than 334km, which equals to an average speed of 74km/h!!!

Fig 2: KU's migration on 2-Aug-17



As of 21:00 (GMT+8) on 2-Aug-17, both KS and KU are apparently still migrating. In 2 days time, we'll be able to know their next stops.

As of 2 August 2017:

Migration tracks of our Whimbrels:



Migration summary on our Whimbrels

Leg Flag (track colour: N - S)	No. of days since deployment	No. of days since departing Australia	Distance travelled
LA (blue)	171 days	0 days	0km
KS (purple - white)	159 days	108 days	12,441km
KU (yellow - orange)	159 days	107 days	10,374km
JX (pink)	130 days	104 days	3,049km

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