Supplementary Information for

"Very rapid long-distance sea crossing by a migratory bird"

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Breeding parameters of Icelandic whimbrels

During the search for nests of tagged Whimbrels in 2013, another 23 first attempt nests were also found for which incubation stage was measured (Liebzeit et al. 2007) allowing laying date to be estimated. All nests were located in the same site, a 2.6 km² area of natural river plain area bordered by agricultural land (N 63.788906, W 20.183168).

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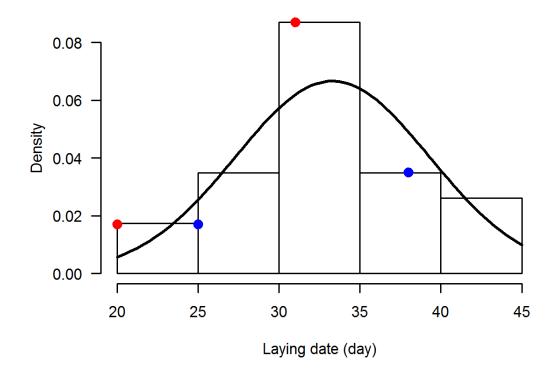


Figure S1. The density distribution of Icelandic whimbrel laying dates (ordinal days since 1st of May), for 23 nests sampled in South Iceland in 2013, showing individuals tracked during non-stop pre-nuptial migration (red) and individuals that made a stop-over (blue).