

# West Indies & Bermuda



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It has been said that the pelagic zones offer some of birding's last frontiers, and the tropics of the Atlantic and Caribbean surely hold many new discoveries, especially the waters well offshore. At Guadeloupe, extensive seawatching by Levesque and others has rewritten the status and distribution of many seabirds, and more birders and birding visitors in the Caribbean are following suit, particularly in the Bahamas. The vast numbers of Manx Shearwaters seen migrating off Guadeloupe, for instance, confirm that the spring migration route passes from eastern South America to the waters east of the Lesser Antilles before turning to the northeast. The observation of rarer tubenoses at Guadeloupe, such as Bulwer's Petrel (now four sightings 2003–2006), hint at what may pass farther offshore. A set of coordinated seawatches stretching the length of the Lesser Antilles would surely produce even more surprises.

At St. Lucia, the habitat of White-breasted Thrasher is under siege by development for a large resort. Although the planners say some areas will be protected, others feel it will be insufficient to ensure the long-term survival of this critically endangered West Indian endemic bird.

## WATERFOWL THROUGH VULTURES

Eighteen Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama 28–29 May were without precedent (M&AA); they may have come from Florida, where the population is burgeoning, or from Central/South America (subspecies not determined). There were 14 West Indian Whistling-Ducks at Tarpon Ponds, Fresh Creek, Andros, Bahamas 6–7 May (OG); one with ducklings was observed at Rock Sound Airport 9 Apr, confirming breeding on Eleuthera, Bahamas (DC); 11 were at George Town, Exumas, Bahamas 25 May (PF); and one with ducklings was at Lee

Stocking I., Exumas 31 May (*fide* CW). On Antigua, 10 West Indian Whistling-Ducks, 400 White-cheeked Pintails, and a female Ring-necked Duck were found at McKinnon Salt Pond 19 Apr (AJ). A Snow Goose was at Four Seasons Resort, Great Exuma, Bahamas 9 Apr (PD, ph. RS), and 2 Canada Geese were at Coral Harbour, New Providence, Bahamas 11 May (M&FD). At Seymour's Pond, Bermuda, 2 Gadwalls were noted 24 Mar–4 Apr (DBW) and 2 Eurasian Wigeons 29 Dec–11 Mar (AD). A Northern Shoveler was at Harrold & Wilson Ponds N.P., New Providence, Bahamas 3 Mar (CW, GG, PF, TT), and a Northern Pintail spent the entire season near Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas (EB). Single American Wigeons on Eleuthera, Bahamas were at Rock Sound 7 Apr (DC) and at Gregory Town 22–23 Apr (LG). A Greater Scaup was on Tucker's Point G.C. Pond, Bermuda 13 Mar (EA). At Le Gosier, Guadeloupe, Levesque saw the continuing male Garganey 27 Mar, plus 52 Blue-

2002 and 2003 (JM). A feeding flock of Audubon's Shearwaters off Man-o'-War Cay, Bahamas 20 May (EB) was likely a sign of local breeding success; 500 were counted 20 Apr in Exuma Sound, Bahamas (NMC). Young Audubon's fledged in this area around mid-Apr.

At Dominica, a distant White-tailed Tropicbird was seen from the s. end of the island 16 Apr (AJ); 15 were at Little Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas 10–12 Mar (PD, LL, LH); and up to 25 courted around the cliffs of Guajataca, Puerto Rico in late Mar (ESB, GLA). Four Red-billed Tropicbirds were noted breeding at The Highlands, Barbuda 20 Apr (AJ). Three ad. Masked Boobies were photographed on Booby Rock off nw. Mayaguana, Bahamas 19 Mar (OG, ph. TH), and a subad. was seen 16 km off Great Guana Cay, Abaco, Bahamas 20 Apr (EB). At Pointe des Châteaux, Guadeloupe, there were 3 Masked Boobies 14 May (AL, AM, AR). A Great Cormorant that wintered in Great Sound, Bermuda was last seen



This intergrade Sandwich Tern × Cayenne Tern, photographed 30 March 2006 at the ferry terminal in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, is typical of birds that nest not far away in the Virgin Islands (see *North American Birds* 57: 566–572). Photograph by George L. Armistead.

winged Teal and a female Lesser Scaup. Five Masked Ducks were found near Dark Wood Salt Pond, Antigua 2 Apr (NL), very unusual here, and up to 5 were near Humacao for much of the season (J. Novogradac, m.ob.). Six Ruddy Ducks were at McKinnon Salt Pond 19 Apr, and an imm. male was near Trois Îles, Martinique 13 Apr (AJ), further evidence of expansion in the Region.

Despite the setbacks to the Bermuda Petrel program caused in 2003 by Hurricane Fabian, which destroyed many nest-sites, breeding success continued in Bermuda, with 38 chicks fledged by Jun 2006. This year also witnessed the return of the first chicks to have been banded as fledglings, from the cohorts in

11 Mar (AD). Up to 7 unidentified cormorants were on a large buoy near the airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica 2 Mar, with another at the water treatment plant in Montego Bay (TL, LU). At least 4 Anhingas wintered on New Providence over 2005–2006: on 4 Mar, 2 males and 2 females were seen over Cable Beach, Bahamas (OG, ph. TH), while 3 were seen at nearby ponds 20 Apr (RS, PD). Magnificent Frigatebirds on Bermuda continued until 5 Apr, with 2 over St. David's (GA).

A Gray Heron at Spittal Pond, Bermuda 22–27 Apr (DBW) provided the first live record for this species in Bermuda. On Antigua, 300 Great Egrets and 350 Snowy Egrets were counted at McKinnon Pond 21 Apr, and 2 Lit-

**Table 1.** Spring passage dates for pelagic species noted off the Bahamas, Dominica, Guadeloupe.

Species	No.	Date	Locations and Observers
Black-capped Petrel	1	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Cory's Shearwater	1	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	1	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	1	30 Apr	Stocking I., Exumas, Bahamas (PF)
	3	20 May	Tilloo Cay, Bahamas (EB)
	137	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Greater Shearwater	1	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Sooty Shearwater	6	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Manx Shearwater	635	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	99	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	21	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	8	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Audubon's Shearwater	3	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	47	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	500	20 Apr	Exuma Sound, Bahamas (NMc)
	17	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	120+	20 May	Man-O-War Cay, Bahamas (EB)
	55+	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
unidentified shearwater	9	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	20	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	6	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	12	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	27	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Leach's Storm-Petrel	4	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	11	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	1	20 May	Tilloo Cay, Bahamas
	3	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
unidentified storm-petrel	23	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	1	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	16	May	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
South Polar Skua	1	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
unidentified skua	2	May	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Pomarine Jaeger	8	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	3	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	1	16 Apr	s. end of Dominica (AJ)
	1	24 May	off Manjack Cay, Abaco, Bahamas (EB)
	1	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
Parasitic Jaeger	4	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	15	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	2	May**	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
unidentified jaeger	2	Mar*	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	10	3 Apr	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe
	2	23 Apr	La Désirade, Guadeloupe
	1	May	Petite-Terre, Guadeloupe

\*16 hours total seawatching in Mar at Petite-Terre N.R. (AL)  
\*\*11 hours total seawatching in May at Petite-Terre N.R. (AL)



This road-killed Puerto Rican Nightjar was an unfortunate find near Sabana Grande, Puerto Rico 5 April 2006; the species is listed as critically endangered, though it has been found nesting (or presumably nesting) in several new locations in recent years, including the locale where this male was found. Photograph by George L. Armistead.

tle Egrets were there 19 Apr (ph. AJ), along with 400 Cattle Egrets, including some nesting. Ten Glossy Ibis were noted at Gregory Town, Eleuthera, Bahamas 24 Apr (LG), and 2 flew over Warwick, Bermuda 8 May and settled at Devonshire Marsh (AD). The species is clearly becoming more common on Puerto Rico, where nesting has recently been documented; several were at Laguna Cartagena N.W.R. and Humacao refuge through late Mar–early Apr (ESB, GLA, m.ob.). Five Black Vultures were noted on Grenada at Perseverance dump 8 Apr (AJ).

## RAPTORS THROUGH TERNS

A Swallow-tailed Kite was seen at Marsh Harbour and at Treasure Cay, Abaco, Bahamas 27 Apr (EB); another was seen at Gibbs Hill, Bermuda 7–11 May (TW). A Northern Harrier was at Harold & Wilson Ponds N.P., Bahamas 3 Mar (CW, GG, PF, TT), others were on Bermuda at the airport 5 Apr and at Great Sound 7 Apr (AD), the last dates for the island this season. While banding birds at Petite-Terre Nature Reserve (hereafter, N.R.) 4 Mar, Levesque saw a Merlin fly in and out of a mist-net in pursuit of a Bananaquit. Single Peregrine Falcons in Bermuda were noted 3 May over Flatts Hill (JM) and 15 May over Morgan's Pt. (AD). Four Common Black-Hawks were seen at Vermont Forest, St Vincent 10 Apr (AJ). A pair of Red-tailed Hawks built a nest at Morgan's Pt., Bermuda in Mar, but the breeding attempt was unsuccessful (AD); this was the first breeding attempt on Bermuda in over 100 years. A Hook-billed Kite was seen at Mt. Hartman, Grenada 8 Apr (JV).

Levesque counted 373 Common Moorhens at Le Gosier, Guadeloupe 17 Apr. An American Golden-Plover was at Stocks Harbour, Bermuda 29 Apr–11 May (EA, PW). Three Piping



Recent breeding of West Indian Whistling-Ducks on Eleuthera, Bahamas was confirmed by photographs of this family at Rock Sound Airport 9 March 2006. Photograph by David Currie.

Plovers were at Grape Bay, Bermuda 1 May (PW). On 5 May, Flamingo Cay, Ragged Is., Bahamas held 3 Semipalmated and 2 Wilson's Plovers and 15 Semipalmated Sandpipers (PF). Piping Plover was last noted on Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas 10 May (EB). Single Black-necked Stilts in Bermuda were seen at North Pond 23 Mar–5 Apr (GB) and Spittal Pond 22–27 May (PA). On 22 Mar, a wintering Eurasian Whimbrel was among several shorebirds at Guadeloupe (AL). A Whimbrel (of the American subspecies *hudsonicus*) was seen 17 Mar at Vieques, Puerto Rico, where more than 300 Stilt Sandpipers were noted at Laguna Navio 19 Mar (DG, BM). On Antigua, 60 Stilt Sandpipers were found at McKinnon Salt Pond 19 Apr (AJ). A smattering of spring shorebirds arrived in Bermuda in May, including a Stilt Sandpiper at North Pond 6 May and single White-rumped Sandpipers at North Pond and Jubilee Rd. 21 May (AD).

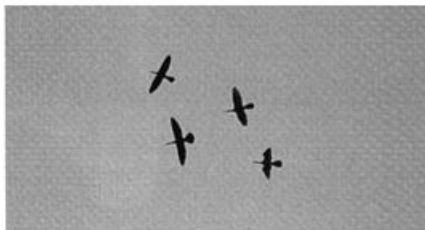
A Black-headed Gull was last seen 7 Apr in Hamilton Harbour, Bermuda (AD). At McKinnon Salt Pond, Antigua, Jaramillo estimated 1000 Laughing Gulls 19 Apr and noted a Lesser Black-backed Gull and about 100 Least Terns 21 Apr. There was a movement of Bonaparte's Gulls into Bermuda in Mar, with 17 seen in Hamilton Harbour 20 Mar (PW). On Martinique, a Ring-billed Gull was found s. of St. Pierre 14 Apr (AJ). In the Bahamas, 6 Great Black-backed Gulls were reported: one at Bimini 2 Mar (BP), 3 at Great Stirrup Cay (Coco Cay), Berry Is. 12 Mar (DF), and 2 near Taino Beach, Grand Bahama 29 Mar (EG). Lesser Black-backed Gull reports included 2 at Bimini 2 Mar (BP) and one at Great Stirrup Cay 12 Mar (DF). Gull-billed Terns returned to s. Eleuthera, Bahamas 23 Apr (DC, JW, RB, KP, EJ). Five Royal Terns wintered in Bermuda, most often seen at Dockyard (AD); at least 3 remained into May. Two Sandwich Terns were seen 12 May at Petite-Terre N.R. (AL); an apparent Cayenne Tern × Sandwich Tern intergrade was photographed at the ferry terminal at Fajardo, Puerto Rico 30 Mar (ph. GLA). A mixed flock of shearwaters and frigatebirds noted in Exuma Sound, Bahamas 20 Apr (NMc) also contained 25 Sooty and 20

Roseate Terns. Fifty Bridled Terns were counted at sea 8 Apr off Petite-Terre N.R. (AL).

## PIGEONS THROUGH SWALLOWS

A Scaly-naped Pigeon at Petite-Terre N.R. 6 May was unexpected on that islet (AL). At Barbuda, Jaramillo noted a White-winged Dove at Codrington Lagoon 20 Apr. A

White-winged Dove at St. François 22 Apr (ARa) and 2 there 27 Apr (AL, FD, ARa) made Guadeloupe's 2nd and 3rd records. Fifteen Plain Pigeons were gathering nesting material and feeding in African Tulip Trees in Gran Sabana, Puerto Rico 6 Apr (ESB, GLA et al.), and one was perched along the hwy. just 10 km n.



Four Anhingas soaring over Cable Beach near Nassau, Bahamas 4 March 2006 made a remarkable sight. The few previous Bahamian records of the species have been of single birds. Photograph by Tony Hepburn.

of Humacao the day before (ESB). A marvelous combination of Plain Pigeon, Ashy-faced Owl, Ridgway's Hawk, and White-necked Crow was observed at Los Haitises N.P. 26 Mar (KW, DG et al.), while two days later in the Sierra de Batoruco, the same observers found the recently split Hispaniolan Quail-Dove, Golden Swallow, Hispaniolan Emerald, La Selle Thrush, Hispan-

iolan Trogon, and Hispaniolan Pewee, with the recently split Eastern Chat-Tanager observed at Cachote on the next day. Six Grenada Doves were found 8 Apr at Mt. Harman 8 Apr (AJ). On Martinique, a Bridled Quail-Dove was seen at Fond Baron Rd. 14 Apr (AJ); 6 were at Chutes du Carbet, Guadeloupe 18 Apr (AL); and 4 were seen and one nicely photographed 23 Mar on Mt. Pirata, Vieques, Puerto Rico (ph. DG, BM). This species is poorly known through much of its range but particularly in Puerto Rico. Four Ruddy Quail-Doves provided good views along the Des Cartiers trail, St. Lucia 14 Apr (SW).

Bahama Parrots on s. Abaco were counted 29 Apr–7 May; the population stands at about 3199 birds there (FRM), the increase over the 2005 census attributed to the fact that the birds were widely dispersed in 2005 after Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, and probably to the earlier date of this year's census. At the Syndicate, Dominica, 40 Red-necked and 2 Imperial Parrots were found close to the Visitor Center 16 Apr (AJ). Single Yellow-billed Cuckoos were at the Retreat, Nassau, Bahamas 4 Apr (PM) and Winton, Nassau 15 May (LH), and 6 were at the fruit farm, Abaco, Bahamas 24 May (EB). On 8 Apr, an Ashy-faced Owl was heard at Mt. Hartman, Grenada, and another was heard calling 10 Apr at St. Vincent (AJ). On St. Lucia, 2 Rufous Nightjars were heard calling at Grand Anse 12 Apr (AJ). A Puerto Rican Nightjar, a critically endangered species, was found road-killed near Sabana Grande at the entrance gate to Susua S.E., a new location for the species, 5 Apr (ESB, ph. GLA et al.). At Pointe des Châteaux, Guadeloupe, Levesque saw and heard Antillean Nighthawk 14 May. A Common Nighthawk was over Nonsuch I., Bermuda 23 May (PW).



On 11 March 2006 (here), Lionel Levine found this female Kirtland's Warbler near Hole-in-the-Wall, Abaco, Bahamas. A male was found in the same area in November and December 1999. Photograph by Lionel Levine.



Masked Boobies do not presently breed in the Bahamas, but these two at Booby Rock, Mayaguana 19 March 2006 suggest that breeding may occur in the near future. Photograph by Tony Hepburn.

A Chimney Swift at Harrold & Wilson Ponds N.P. 13 May was the first for the park (TH, LH, KHL, WP, PD). On St. Lucia, 3 Short-tailed Swifts were in the Des Cartiers area 12 Apr (AJ). Two Blue-headed Hummingbirds were seen on Fond Baron Rd., Martinique 14 Apr (AJ). A Northern Flicker was at Devonshire Church, Bermuda 1 Mar (SD).

A Lesser Antillean Flycatcher was noted at Duclos (Petit-Bourg), Guadeloupe 14 May (AL, AR). Gray Kingbirds are summer residents in the Bahamas that appear to be arriving earlier than in the past. Brudenell-Bruce, writing in *Birds of New Providence and the Bahama Islands* (1975), indicates that Gray Kingbirds arrive in the latter half of Apr, with 31 Mar as the extreme early date. This spring, Grays were first reported in Eleuthera 4 Mar (DC, RB) and Grand Bahama 11 Mar (EG). A Gray Kingbird was found 23 May at Brighton Hill, Bermuda (DW), where there are at least 33 other records of the species 1850–2005, totaling about 37 birds; there are about a dozen previous spring reports. Levesque counted 332 Caribbean Martins at Pointe à Pitre, Guadeloupe 6 Mar. The taxonomic status of House Wren in the Lesser Antilles is still in need of review; Jaramillo and party again managed to see and document four populations this year: 4 birds on Dominica 16 Apr; 2 at Grand Anse, St. Lucia 12 Apr; 6 on St. Vincent 11 Apr; and 12 at Grenada 8 Apr. Voice-recordings were made of all four populations, and those on Dominica and St. Lucia were also photographed; these will be compared as more data on these taxa are gathered.

## VIREOS THROUGH WAXBILLS

Brudenell-Bruce (1975) indicates that Black-whiskered Vireos arrive in the Bahamas in late Apr, with the earliest date 12 Apr. This spring, they were reported at Mayaguana 18 Mar (OG), Grand Bahama 24 Mar (EG), Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Is. 26 Mar (SW), Nas-

sau 9 & 14 Apr (LH, PD), and Eleuthera 16 Apr (DC). A Red-eyed Vireo was at Somerset Long Bay, Bermuda 7 May (EA); 2 were at Petite-Terre N.R. 22 Apr (AL); and one was mist-netted five days later at nearby Pointe des Châteaux (AL). A Yellow-throated Vireo at Petite-Terre N.R. 10 Apr provided only the 3rd record for Guadeloupe (AL). At Presqu'île de la Caravelle, Martinique—in one of the most threatened habitats of one of the most endangered species in the Region—3 White-breasted

Thrashers were found 14 Apr (AJ); on St. Lucia, a pair was in coastal scrub near Preslin 15 Apr (SW). Two Rufous-throated Solitaires were along the Des Cartiers trail, St. Lucia 16 Apr (SW). A Veery came to a bird bath in Jenningsland, Bermuda 16 Apr (JM, LM), while a Wood Thrush near the railway trail in Somerset provided a rare winter/spring record for Bermuda 31 Jan–23 Mar (DW). On Dominica, 2 Red-legged Thrushes were seen in the Syndicate area, and 2 Forest Thrushes were found close to the Visitor Center 14 Apr (AJ).

A Tennessee Warbler was mist-netted at Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, Bahamas 22 Apr (DC, JW). A Nashville Warbler was along Waterloo Rd., Nassau, Bahamas 6 Mar (PD), and one was near Rock Sound, Eleuthera 29 Mar (DC). Few migrant warblers were recorded in the spring in Bermuda, but notable sightings



This Palm Warbler (of the nominate subspecies), the fifth for Guadeloupe, was at Petite-Terre Nature Reserve 15-18 (here 15) May 2006. Photograph by Anthony Levesque.

included a Blue-winged Warbler 20 Apr on Paget I. (AD) and Bay-breasted Warbler 7 May on Wreck Rd. (EA). Twenty-three Yellow-rumped Warblers in Mayaguana, Bahamas 17 Mar (OG) were farther s. in that country than usual. On 28 Mar and 3 Apr, a Yellow-rumped

Warbler was at Petite-Terre N.R., with a Prothonotary Warbler on the latter date (AL). Also at that location were a male Black-throated Green Warbler 5 May (male; plus a female 12-13 May); 2 Blackpoll Warblers 13-18 May (and another 17-18 May); a Palm Warbler of the nominate subspecies 13-18 May; a female Nashville Warbler 17 May (a first record for Guadeloupe); and single Magnolia and Prairie Warblers 18 May (AL). A Prothonotary Warbler was at the Rand Nature Centre, Grand Bahama 8 Apr (EG). A female Kirtland's Warbler was photographed near the jct. of Hole-in-the-Wall Rd. and Soldier Rd., Abaco, Bahamas 11 Mar (LL); it was relocated there two weeks later (EB, HA, HP). Over the past four winters, the Kirtland's Warbler Research and Training Project has banded 113 Kirtland's Warblers in s. Eleuthera (J. Wunderle et al.). The recent split of Adelaide's Warbler into single-island endemics (Adelaide's Warbler on Puerto Rico, Barbuda Warbler, and St. Lucia Warbler) has meant more attention to these former subspecies by birders. Up to 20 Barbuda Warblers were noted in scrubland habitat 20 Apr (AJ), and 12 St. Lucia Warblers were noted at both Des Cartiers and Grand Anse, St. Lucia 12 Apr (AJ). A male Connecticut Warbler was seen 18 Mar at Puerto Mosquito, Vieques (ph. DG, BM), for one of the few records from Puerto Rico. A Wilson's Warbler at La Charca, Pedernales, Dominican Republic 30 Mar furnished the 3rd country record (KW, DG, BM, Romney Bathurst).

A Summer Tanager seen in the Arboretum, Bermuda 12 Mar (AD) had certainly wintered; a migrant was at Lyford Cay, New Providence, Bahamas 4 Apr (CF). Scarlet Tanager was widely reported: one at Waterloo Rd., Nassau, Bahamas 28 Apr (PD); one at Barbuda 20 Apr (AJ); one or 2 at Petite-Terre N.R. 19-23 Apr (AL); and one at Somerset Long Bay, Bermuda 2-7 May (fide AD). Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were even more widespread, found at: Camperdown, Nassau, Bahamas 3 Mar (2; CW, GG, PF, TT); s. Eleuthera, Bahamas 19 & 23 Apr (DC) and 2 May (2; DC, RB); Angelfish Pt., Abaco, Bahamas 22 Apr (EB); Winton, Nassau 1 May (LH); Petite-Terre N.R. 19 Apr (2; AL); Emily's Bay Lane, Bermuda 20 Apr (6; EA); Mt. Pirata, Vieques 23 Mar (2; DG, BM); and Graeme Hall Swamp, Barbados 30 Apr (EM). A molting Blue Grosbeak was carefully noted 5 Mar at the El Greco Resort Hotel, Montego Bay, Jamaica (TL, LU). Mt. Hartman, Grena-



Black-throated Green Warbler, uncommon at best in the Lesser Antilles, was detected at Petite-Terre Nature Reserve 5 May 2006 (here). Photograph by Anthony Levesque.

da, had a Yellow-bellied Seedeater 8 Apr (AJ).

Bobolinks are scarce migrants in Bermuda; singles were at Pitman's Pond 26 Apr (PH) and Brighton Hill 20 May (DW). A male Shiny Cowbird at the Retreat, Nassau, Bahamas 29 May (BG, CW) was an apparent first for that location. A **Brown-headed Cowbird** at the picnic grounds in Lucaya N.P., Grand Bahama 29 Mar (SR) was also probably the first for the site. A pair of Montserrat Orioles was found 19 Apr (AJ). Two male Balti-

more Orioles were at Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, Bahamas 11 Apr (DC, JW, RB), one at Chippingham, Nassau, Bahamas 15 Apr (CW, PM), and one at Coral Harbour 4 May (CW, JWu). An ad. male Baltimore Oriole was noted from 17 Apr at Le Gosier (AL, AM), and another was seen 22 Apr at St. François, also on Guadeloupe (ARa), the 2nd and 3rd records for Guadeloupe. Three House Sparrows, including a singing male (first for St. Vincent), were at Kingstown 10 Apr (AJ). A Black-

rumped Waxbill was seen in Devonshire Marsh, Bermuda 24 Feb–12 Mar (SRd); and up to 40 Common Waxbills were noted near Trois Îlets, Martinique 14 Apr (AJ).

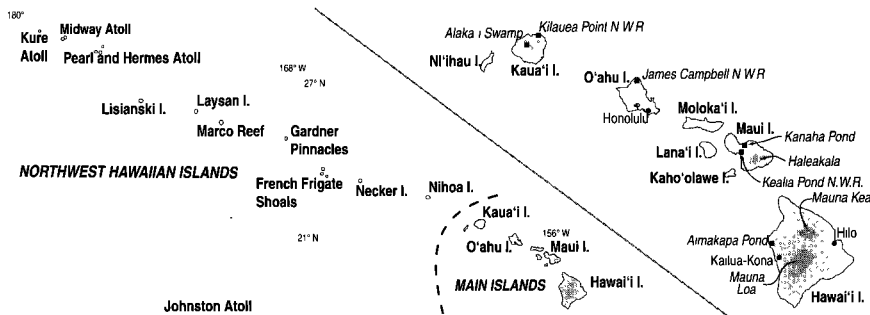
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## Hawaiian Islands



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Very wet weather that began in late February continued through the beginning of April. There was widespread flooding, which was especially devastating on Kauai and Oahu. With so much rain, it was often hard for observers to get out, and some wetland areas remained inaccessible due to the floods.

**Abbreviations:** H. (Hawaii I.); HRBP (Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photograph; used with image catalog number from the HRBP file at Bishop Museum, Honolulu); Hakalau (Hakalau N.W.R., Hawaii I.); Hanalei