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From Guadeloupe, two exciting new species for the island. A GARGANEY was present from 14th - 20th Jan at least at Le Gosier and an AMERICAN BLACK DUCK (also 1st for Lesser Antilles) was found at La Desirade on 16th Jan, still present at months end. Other noteworthy birds include a GREATER BLACK BACKED GULL (3rd for Guadeloupe) at Riviere Salee on 21st Jan; 4 COMMON TERNS at Grand Cul de Sac Marin also on 21st Jan and a LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH at Capesterre Beau-eau on 27th Jan.

A total of 12 hours sea watching from Petite Terre nature reserve during the month produced 3 PARASITIC JAEGERs, 3 "jaeger sp", 2 MANX SHEARWATERS, 1 "small unidentified shearwater, 1 BLACK CAPPED PETREL, and 2 "unidentified pterodroma petrels"

From Barbados, the long staying PURPLE HERON was still showing at Graham Hill sanctuary on 11th Jan together with a GLOSSY IBIS. Also present was a male AMERICAN WIGEON and 2 SORA RAILS. The previous week, 2 PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS and a PURPLE GALLINULE were seen.

In Tobago, 5 RING NECKED DUCKS \* were found at Lowlands on 29th Dec and a NORTHERN SHOVELER \* was seen at Bon Accord. On 10th Jan, single KILLDEER \* and HOOK BILLED KITE \* were found at Lowlands together with a MANGROVE CUCKOO and 2 BELTED KINGFISHERS, plus a STRIPED OWL at Runnemedede . On 11th Jan, at St Giles rocks, the MASKED BOOBY count totalled a minimum of 115 birds - far and away the largest count for T&T; on 13th another STRIPED OWL was seen close to the Botanical Gardens and on 17th Jan, 2 MANGROVE CUCKOOS were found at Bon Accord. A potential first for Tobago, FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL was reported from Lowlands on 18th Jan.

The Christmas Bird Count in Trinidad was held on 27th December with a census area of 15km radius of Asa Wright Nature Centre. A total of 37 birders participated finding 5767 birds and a species total of 183

In the northern range of Trinidad, at Asa Wright Nature Centre, a CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER was found on 4th Jan, and there was a report of a BAND TAILED PIGEON \* there, the same day. On 5th Jan a VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER \* was reported, up to 6 SHORT TAILED NIGHTHAWKS hawked insects over the valley and on 12th Jan a BLACK HAWK-EAGLE soared over. On 16th Jan, the first BROWN VIOLET-EAR of the year was found. Elsewhere in the northern range, on both 8th and 12th Jan, a SCALED ANTPITTA \* was seen on the forested slopes between Las Lapas and Paria junction; a SOOTY GRASSQUIT was found at Morne Bleu and a GRAY THROATED LEAFTOSSER at las Lapas both on 20th Jan.

In north eastern Trinidad, the area south of Grande Riviere village held up to 4 TRINIDAD PIPING GUANS, a BAT FALCON and a BRIGHT RUMPED ATTILA on 16th Jan

In central Trinidad , a CRANE HAWK \* was seen at the bottom of the Arima by-pass on 5th Jan. On the same date a CRESTED CARACARA was found at the Aripo Agriculture Station and at Waller Field, a BLACK HAWK EAGLE \* was found.. Also at Waller Field, both BLACKPOLL WARBER and CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER were found on the 6th. Whilst there has been a continual "drips and drabs" over-head passage of DICKCISSELS throughout the month, a flock of approx 4,000 birds west of the highway at Caroni on 24th Jan is the first reported large gathering. At the end of the month, highlights of visits to Waller Field on 28th & 29th Jan included a pair of BLACK HAWK-EAGLES seen mating, 2 CRANE HAWKS, single GRAY HEADED KITE, WHITE HAWK , LESSER ELAENIA and flocks totaling at least 420 DICKCISSELS.

In western Trinidad, the over-wintering population of LARGE BILLED TERNS increased to 14 on 10th Jan at Waterloo,, and the long staying RING BILLED GULL was seen close by together with a 2nd winter LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL At the same site, an early SANDWICH TERN was found on 27th Jan. On 29th-30th Jan, 2 RUFOUS CRAB HAWKS were found and photographed at Carli Bay.

From south-western Trinidad, an immature HOODED WARBLER \* (2nd for T&T) was seen on 6th - 7th Jan at San Francique. A hike along the river bank at Sudama Steps on 11th Jan produced an immature HOOK BILLED KITE \*, 6 SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHERS, at least 30 YELLOW WARBLERS, 15 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSHES , RED EYED VIREO, 4 RED CAPPED CARDINALS and 5 GREATER ANIS .A light morph LONG WINGED HARRIER and a RUDDY BREASTED SEEDEATER were seen in the same area on 14th Jan

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From Guadeloupe, a total of 9 hours sea watching from Petite Terre nature reserve produced 116 MANX SHEARWATERS, 2 LEACH's PETRELS, 3 unidentified petrel sp and 2 jaeger sp. At the same site, on 21st Feb, 31 BLUE WINGED TEALS and 2 GREEN WINGED TEALS were recorded. This brings the species count for this reserve to 138. At Le Gosier, the GARGANEY, an adult male, reported last month was still present on 27th Feb. On the same date, 39 BLUE WINGED TEALS and a LESSER SCAUP were also found.

The BLACK DUCK reported last month from La Desirade Is was still present on 13th Feb and 7 SORAS were found there on 27th Feb. At least 1000 BARN SWALLOWS were seen at sunset over Gaschet Res on 11th Feb. Finally, from Port-Louis swamp a census on 11th Feb found 25 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH, 3 PRAIRIE WARBLERS, 3 PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS, 1 OVENBIRD, 1 BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, 1 YELLOW RUMPED (MYRTLE) WARBLER and many YELLOW WARBLERS

From Tobago, single COCOI HERON \* and AMERICAN COOT\* were present at Bon Accord on 5th Feb and a BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER \* was found along Niplig trace in the central ridge rain-forest. At Lowlands, one of the lakes held 3 RING NECKED DUCKS \* and 2 LESSER SCAUPS\* on 6th Feb at least. In the same area single PIED BILLED GREBE and NEOTROPIC CORMORANT \* were reported on 8th Feb. On several dates during the month, at least one WHITE TAILED TROPICBIRD has been seen from the main lookout on Little Tobago

Whilst so far un-substantiated, there are persisting reports of a FERUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL in the Lowlands area. We would urge any finders to report/document this potential 1st for Tobago

In the northern range of Trinidad, there have been several sightings of the TRINIDAD PIPING GUAN\* and SCALED ANTPITTA \* reported last month in the Morne Blue and Paria junction areas. A male SWALLOW TANAGER was found at Las Lapas on 17th Feb. Also seen were ORNATE HAWK EAGLE, 2 CHESTNUT WOODPECKERS and 6 YELLOW LEGGED THRUSHES.

In eastern Trinidad, the first reported PLUMBEOUS KITES of the season were at Nariva swamp on 17th Feb and most belatedly the first reported PIRATIC FLYCATCHERS of the season (they are often present from late December) were calling from the Toco Rd on 20th Feb

On the west coast of Trinidad, a flock totaling at least 4,000 DICKCISSELS were seen flying south towards Chaguanas on 14th Feb. The long staying RING BILLED GULL and an adult LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL were present at Orange Valley on 16th Feb and a COCOI HERON was in Caroni swamp on 17th Feb.

From south west Trinidad, a YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO was found in San Francique on 17th Feb, and a hike along the river bank at Sudama Steps on the 18th produced single COCOI HERON, CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER, 2 NORTHERN SCRUB FLYCATCHERS, 6 SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHERS, a BLACK WHISKERED VIREO \* and 2 LONG WINGED HARRIERS.

From south Trinidad a morning spent in Guyaguyare and Trinity hills produced 83 species including 2 DOUBLE TOOTHED KITES, a RUFOUS CRAB HAWK \*, 2 GREAT BLACK HAWKS \*, 2 BAT FALCONS, a CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER, 3 STREAKED XENOPS, 2 BRIGHT RUMPED ATILAS, 2 BLACK WHISKERED VIREOS \*, a CARIBBEAN MARTIN \*, and a BLACKPOLL WARBLER

From central Trinidad, a CRANE HAWK\* was found at Carlsen Field on 27th Feb

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From Barbados, a SHORT-EARED OWL (not only the 1st for Barbados but the first ever owl of any species on the island) was present at Hannays, Christ Church between 17-21 March.

From Guadeloupe, a total of 16 hours sea watching from Petite Terre nature reserved during the month produced impressive totals as follows :- 635 MANX SHEARWATER, 9 "shearwater sp" 3 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATERS, 6 WILSONS PETRELS, 4 LEACH'S PETRELS, 23 "storm petrel sp", 4 PARASITIC JAEGERs and 2 Jaegers sp. Also from this site, the 1st LEAST TERN of the season was found on 15th Mar; a total of 276 shorebirds of 10 different species, including EUROPEAN WHIMBREL, and a SORA were present on 22nd Mar and on the 28th, both MYRTLE WARBLER AND PROTHONOTARY WARBLER were found

Elsewhere on the island, 332 CARIBBEAN MARTINS were at Pointe a Pitre on 6th Mar and on the 27th, at Le Gosier, the long staying GARGANEY was still present associating with 52 BLUE WINGED TEALS and a LESSER SCAUP

From Tobago, unconfirmed news of a PINNATED BITTERN \* at Lowlands on 11th Mar would, if substantiated be a new species for the island. On the 12th, the COCOI HERON initially reported last month was still present at BON ACCORD SEWAGE PONDS, as were the 2 LESSER SCAUP at Lowlands. An unseasonal AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER was found at Bon Accord on 14th Mar. In the central ridge rain forest, notable sightings during the month include nesting GRAY THROATED LEAFTOSSER on 13th Mar and both STRIPED OWL and WHITE THROATED SPADEBILL on 15th Mar. From Little Tobago, the WHITE TAILED TROPICBIRD put in an appearance on 18th Mar, after going missing for a few weeks. Further confirmation of the island being a regular migration route for BROAD WINGED HAWKS came with a party of 100 flying over Canaan on 22nd March. Finally there are unconfirmed reports of a VIOLACEOUS TROGON found dead near the Bloody Bay Rd. This species has been reported several times from Tobago, but is still undocumented.

From south Trinidad, a COCOI HERON, the 1st reported SWALLOW TAILED KITE of the season, 2 BAT FALCONS and 2 BLACK WHISKERED VIREOS were found at Trinity Hills on 1st Mar. In two visits to this site, the cumulative total of species recorded stands at 106

From the east coast of Trinidad, belated news of a GLOSSY IBIS \* at Nariva on 16th Feb. and 3 MORICHE ORIOLES close to Bush Bush on 18th Feb. More recently, a CRESTED CARACARA \* was again present amongst the palms south of Manzanilla on 7th Mar On the same date 3 LEACH'S PETRELS flew north along the coastline and 2 WHITE TAILED GOLDENTHROATS were found at Kernaham. Finally "thousands" of DICKCISSELS were seen in the Kernaham area towards the end of the month.

In the northern range, belated news from the Asa Wright Nature Centre of an OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER on 15th Feb; and both BLACK WHISKERED VIREO and YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER on 16th . In March a SPECTACLED OWL was found there on the 9th. Elsewhere, a BAT FALCON was found at Morne La Croix and the TRINIDAD PIPING GUAN continued to show at Morne Bleu, both on 6th Mar.

From north western Trinidad, an early FORK TAILED FLYCATCHER was photographed in Chaguaramas National Park on 19th Mar. From the same site, a CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER and BRAN COLORED FLYCATCHER were found on 22nd Mar

On the west coast of Trinidad, the RING BILLED GULL remains at Orange Valley, seen on 8th Mar and a COCOI HERON was found in Caroni swamp on 11th Mar

From central Trinidad, sightings at the Aripo Agriculture Station include 2 COCOI HERONS , single male RUDDY BREASTED SEEDEATER and at least 20 GRASSLAND YELLOW FINCHES, all on 7th Mar. An adult BLACK HAWK-EAGLE was present at Waller Field very early on 30th Mar, perched beside one of the tracks north of the 1st runway. A male WHITE TAILED GOLDENTHROAT was found at the same site.

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From Guadeloupe, sightings from Petite-Terre Nature Reserve include a female MYRTLE WARBLER ON 3rd Apr; 50 BRIDLED TERNS on 8th Apr and a YELLOW THROATED VIREO (3rd for Guadeloupe) on the 10th together with the long staying EUROPEAN WHIMBREL. A total of 11 hours sea watching produced 99 MANX SHEARWATERS, 47 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATERS, 25 "shearwater sp"; 12 WILSON'S PETRELS, 11 LEACH'S PETRELS and 101 "storm petrel sp" ; 1 BLACK CAPPED PETREL, 15 PARASITIC JAEGER, 3 POMARINE JAEGER, 10 "jaeger sp" and a CORY'S SHEARWATER

Elsewhere on the island, an adult male BALTIMORE ORIOLE (2nd for the island) and 373 COMMON MOORHEN were found at Le Gosier on 17th Apr. On La Desirade Is, a female ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK , 2 SCARLET TANAGERS, a male BALTIMORE ORIOLE and a male BLACKPOLL WARBLER were all found on 19th Apr and both 2 RED EYED VIREOS and a female MYRTLE WARBLER were present on 22nd Apr. A WHITE WINGED DOVE (1st for Guadeloupe) was found at St Francois on 23rd Apr together with another BALTIMORE ORIOLE; 2 more WHITE WINGED DOVES were located at Pointe des Chateaux on 27th Apr together with another RED EYED VIREO. Finally a short seawatch from La Desirade on 23rd Apr produced 21 MANX SHEARWATER, 17 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATER, 8 POMARINE JAEGER, 1 CORY'S SHEARWATER together with 5 unidentified small shearwaters, 2 unidentified jaegers and one unidentified storm petrel.

From Antigua, a party of 5 MASKED DUCKS including one breeding plumaged male were found in a small pond with water hyacinths near Dark Wood Salt Pond on Apr 2nd. At McKinnons Salt Pond, 2 SORA RAILS and a WHITE WINGED DOVE were found on Apr 2nd whilst a LITTLE EGRET in breeding plumage and a WEST INDIAN WHISTLING DUCK were present the following day. Finally an unidentified large Larus gull (either Lesser Black backed or American Herring Gull) was present on Apr 2nd.

From St Thomas, USVI, an adult male ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK seen and photographed on the north side of the island on 13th Apr

From Barbados, a male ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK at Graeme Hall 30 April.

In Tobago, both BRIDLED and SOOTY TERNS returned to Smith Is early this year with the first birds seen on 8th Apr. Two SCARLET TANAGERS\* were found during the month, at Merchison Rd on 8th and Grafton Sanctuary on 20th. At Bon Accord sewage lagoons, a BANK SWALLOW was found feeding with a large party of BARN SWALLOWS on 23rd Apr. Highlights of several trail hikes through the central ridge rain-forest on 25th Apr include 2 WHITE THROATED SPADEBILLS, 2 OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPERS and a VENEZUELAN FLYCATCHER. Off of the south western point, up to 30 ROSEATE TERNS were present on 25th Apr Finally, two summer plumaged BOBOLINKS\* were found at Lowlands on 30th Apr

In the northern range of Trinidad at Asa Wright Nature Centre, a male SCARLET TANAGER \* and a male ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK \* were seen briefly on 16th and 22nd Apr respectively. From the same site a late OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER was seen daily until 21st Apr. Elsewhere, on 17th Apr a SWALLOW TANAGER was found along Las Lapas trace and a BAT FALCON was close to Morne le Croix village.

From central Trinidad, early morning on 1st Apr at Caroni Rice Project saw several thousand BARN SWALLOWS and one possible CLIFF SWALLOW. Hawking the aerial insects were 2 CHESTNUT COLLARED SWIFTS and a number of FORK TAILED PALM SWIFTS (both new species for this site) Also present was a GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH (1st for Trinidad away from Aripo Ag Stn), single PINNATED and STRIPE BACKED BITTERN and 20 LIMPKINS. At the Aripo Agriculture Station, an adult PINNATED BITTERN was found in a small pond close to the road on 18th Apr and a Waller Field a CRANE HAWK (probably carrying nesting material) was seen on 18th Apr

On the west coast of Trinidad a late YELLOW WARBLER was found at Carli Bay on 19th Apr and the high tide seabird roost at Waterloo included 200 BLACK SKIMMERS, 100 YELLOW BILLED TERNS, 75 LARGE BILLED TERNS and 37 ROYAL TERNS.

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From Antigua, 10 WEST INDIAN WHISTLING DUCKS, 400 WHITE CHEEKED PINTAIL, 1 female RING NECKED DUCK 60 STILT SANDPIPERS and 2 LITTLE EGRETS were found at McKinnon Salt Pond on 19th Apr and on 21st Apr, a 1st winter LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL was seen.

From Barbuda, 1 WHITE WINGED DOVE was at Codrington, a male SCARLET TANAGER close to the port and up to 20 BARBUDA WARBLERS in scrubland all on 20th Apr

From Dominica, an adult POMARINE SKUA and a distant WHITE TAILED TROPICBIRD were seen off of the south end of the island; 40 RED NECKED PARROTS , 2 IMPERIAL PARROTS and 2 RED LEGGED THRUSHES were in the Syndicate area and 2 FOREST THRUSHES close to the Visitor Centre all on 16th Apr

From Grenada, 5 BLACK VULTURES were found at Perseverance dump on 8th Apr and a YELLOW BELLIED SEEDEATER and ASHY FACED OWL were at Mt Hartman.

From Guadeloupe, 6 BRIDLED QUAIL-DOVES and 8 FOREST THRUSHES were found at Chutes du Carbet on 18th Apr. At Pointe des Chateaux, there were 3 MASKED BOOBIES, and a singing ANTILLIAN NIGHTHAWK on 14th May and on the same date a LESSER ANTILLIAN FLYCATCHER at Duclos. On 17th Jun, a confirmed breeding record of BLACK CROWNED NIGHT-HERON at Le Gosier which brings the number of breeding species on the island to 72a

Seawatching from Petit Terre Nature reserve during May produced 137 CORY'S SHEARWATERS, 55 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATERS, 8 MANX SHEARWATERS, 6 SOOTY SHEARWATERS, 1 GREAT SHEARWATER, 27 WILSON'S STORM PETRELS, 3 LEACH'S STORM PETREL, 2 PARASITIC JAEGER, 1 POMARINE JAEGER, 1 SOUTH POLAR SKUA and a MASKED BOOBY. Additionally there were 20 unidentified "shearwaters sp", 16 "storm petrels sp" 1 "jaeger sp" and 2 "skua sp"

During June, 16 hours sea watching produced 379 GREAT SHEARWATERS, 58 CORY'S SHEARWATERS, 10 AUDUBON'S SHEARWATERS, 2 MANX SHEARWATERS, 1 BULWER'S PETREL, 1 WILSON'S STORM PETREL, 4 POMARINE JAEGER, 1 PARASITIC JAEGER together with 41 "shearwater sp", 5 "skua sp", 4 "storm petrel sp" and a "pterodroma pewtrel sp"

Also at the same site were 2 SANDWICH TERNS on 12th May; a SCALY NAPED PIGEON on 6th May; single BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLERS on 5th and 12th/13th May; 2 BLACKPOLL WARBLERS 13th - 18th May with a 3rd bird on the last two days; a PALM WARBLER 13th - 18th May and a NASHVILLE WARBLER on 17th May (1st for Guadeloupe); single MAGNOLIA and PRAIRIE WARBLERS on 18th May; 2 ROSEATE TERNS 4th June; and an extremely late COMMON YELLOWTHROAT on 6-7th June

From Martinique, a 2nd year RING BILLED GULL was found south of St Pierre, a BRIDLED QUAIL-DOVE and 2 BLUE HEADED HUMMINGBIRDS were seen on Fond Baron Rd 2-3 WHITE BREASTED THRASHERS at Presqu'ille de la Caravelle and up to 40 COMMON WAXBILLS were close to Trois Ilets, all on 14th Apr

From Monserrat, 6 FOREST THRUSHES and a pair of MONSERRAT ORIOLES were found on 19th Apr.

From St Lucia, 12 ST LUCIA PARROTS and 3 SHORT TAILED SWIFTS were in the Des Cartiers area, 12 ST LUCIA WARBLERS were at both Des Cartiers and Grand Anse and 2 RUFIOUS NIGHTJARS were heard calling at Grand Anse all on 12th Apr.

From St Vincent, 50 ST VINCENT PARROTS were seen in the rain-forest on 10th Apr, an ASHY FACED OWL was heard calling and 3 HOUSE SPARROWS, including a male singing (1st for St Vincent) were at Kingstown .

From Tobago, a CLIFF SWALLOW \*(3rd for Tobago if accepted) was seen over Bon Accord sewage ponds on 12th May and a LESSER SEEDFINCH\* was seen and photographed at a sewage pond in Lowlands on 23rd May. Whilst obviously there is the difficulty of eliminating "escapes from captivity", this is potentiall a 1st record for the island

From central Trinidad, 3 BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS \* ,a 2 yr GRAY HERON \* and an extremely late migrating adult male DICKCISSEL were found on 5th May at Caroni Ricefields. Also present, 30 LIMPKIN a late NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH and a BLACK BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK.At the same site, a STRIPE BACKED BITTERN was found on 15th May. At Waller Field, 3 WHITE TAILED GOLDENTHROATS, 2 WHITE WINGED BECARDS, 2 COMMON PAURAUQUES and a LESSER ELAENIA were found on 10th May

In the northern range of Trinidad, a male YELLOW BELLIED SEEDEATER\* was seen briefly in Lopinot on 14th May.

On the west coast of Trinidad, a RUFIOUS CRAB HAWK \* was seen circling the mangrove at Carli Bay on 15th May, and on the same date, cumulative totals of roosting seabirds for Brickfield, Waterloo and Orange Valley include 610 BLACK SKIMMERS, 225 LARGE BILLED TERNS and 69 ROYAL TERNS

From south western Trinidad, a GLOSSY IBIS\* was seen in flooded fields close to Sudama Steps on 30th May

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From Guadeloupe, a total of 13 hours sea watching from Petite Terre produced 134 GREAT SHEARWATERS , 1 CORY'S SHEARWATER, 1 WILSON'S PETREL and 1 POMARINE JAEGER From Gaschet Reservoir on 4th July, peak counts include 495 MOORHENS, 129 PIED BILLED GREBES, 30 RUDDY DUCKS, 18 CARIBBEAN COOTS, 5 AMERICAN COOTS and a further 5 hybrid CARIBBEAN/AMERICANS. On 9th July, 65 BROWN PELICANS were present at Ste Anne. On 21st July, 2 SOLITARY SANDPIPERS and 1 ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWK were at St François. Finally on 25th July a total of 724 CARIBBEAN MARTINS were seen at Pointe à Pitre town center.

In Tobago, a HOOK BILLED KITE\* was found over Lowlands on 12th July and on the same date 3 MANGROVE CUCKOOS were at Bon Accord sewage lagoons. At the same site, a party of 13 BLACK SKIMMERS were present from 10th - 17th July at least. Perhaps the most surprising sighting of the month was a totally un-seasonal BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER \* found on Gilpin trace on 14th July

From the northern range of Trinidad, sightings at Asa Wright Nature Centre include 2 WHITE WINGED BECARDS 23rd June, a VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER \* on 5th July, an ORNATE HAWK EAGLE (also seen 20th July), 2 TRINIDAD EUPHONIAS and a FORK TAILED FLYCATCHER (unusual over hill forest) all on 8th July, a SHORT TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT ON 17th July; 2 GRAY THROATED LEAFTOSSERS on 18th July , a LONG BILLED STARTHROAT on 20th July and a GREAT BLACK HAWK\* on 21st July.

From western Trinidad, the first reported LESSER NIGHTHAWKS of the season were flying over the Blue River, Caroni on 8th July and an extremely early GULL BILLED TERN was seen at Orange Valley from 11th - 14th July. Also at Orange Valley, the first reported WILSON'S PLOVERS of the season were found on 19th July. Slightly further north at Brickfield, the roosting BLACK SKIMMER population was estimated at 1,200 on 10th July.

On the east coast of Trinidad, at Matura, an adult BLACK HAWK-EAGLE \* was found on 29th June

In central Trinidad, 2 CRANE HAWKS \* were seen once more at Carlsen Field on 19th June. At the same site, a partially albino TROPICAL KINGBIRD was found (all head and upper part feathers white) . ON 13th July, early morning at Waller Field produced single LITTLE CUCKOO, LESSER ELAENIA \*, BRAN COLORED FLYCATCHER and MASKED YELLOWTHROAT.

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From Monserrat, an early morning hike along the Oriole trail in Centre Hills on 22nd July produced single BRIDLED QUAIL DOVE and FOREST THRUSH together with 2 MONSERRAT ORIOLES

From St Lucia, on 27th July, 4 WHITE BREASTED THRASHERS were found close to Praslin with a further 2 birds on the road between Denney - Praslin two days later. On 28th July, a RUDDY QUAIL DOVE, 3 St LUCIA PARROTS, 2 RUFOUS THROATED SOLITAIRES and 2 St LUCIA PEWEES were found on Des Cartiers trail.

From Guadeloupe, a WILSON'S STORM PETREL on 17th Aug from Petit Terre Nature Reserve. Also from this site a HOUSE MARTIN (1st record for Guadeloupe) on 16th Aug and a banded RUDDY TURNSTONE known affectionately as "Luc" returned to the same site for it's 6th consecutive winter. Elsewhere on the island, 5 ANTILLEAN NIGHTHAWKS at Lamentin on 2nd Aug and a BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPER on Desirade Is from 16th - 27th Aug. On the 19th a HOUSE SPARROW was evidence of the colonization of Le Moule, a new town; a juvenile PURPLE MARTIN (1st for Guadeloupe) and a male MARTIN sp (either Purple or possibly Cuban) was seen amongst 1360 CARIBBEAN MARTINS at Pointe à Pitre town center.

From Tobago, seabird numbers are at their lowest at this time of year. From Little Tobago on 1st Aug; just two TROPICBIRDS were seen from the seabird lookout, one RED BILLED and one WHITE TAILED. At Bon Accord sewage lagoons, a WILSON'S PHALAROPE \* was photographed on 3rd Aug

In central Trinidad, large numbers of shorebirds were on Caroni Rice Project 9th Aug including 250 LEAST SANDPIPERS, 200 LESSER YELLOWLEGS, 50 STILT SANDPIPERS, 40 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS and 20 GREATER YELLOWLEGS. Also present were 28 WHITE CHEEKED PINTAIL, 3 BLACK BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS, a juvenile APLOMADO FALCON \*, 35 LIMPKIN, the first reported BARN SWALLOWS of the season and 2 MASKED YELLOWTHROATS. Very heavy showers on the morning of 17th Aug produced a flock of 30 NACUNDA NIGHTHAWKS and a single LESSER NIGHTHAWK hawking flying termites near Golden Grove. On the same date, a BAT FALCON was seen at Cumuto. A census in the Aripo savannah east of Cumuto village on 20th Aug produced a total of 61 species including an adult RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON \*, 3 GRAY NECKED WOOD-RAILS, 4 SULPHURY FLYCATCHERS, 2 MORICHE ORIOLES and a BLACK WHISKERED VIREO \*. In the same area a WHITE THROATED SPADEBILL was found on 23rd Aug.

On the west coast of Trinidad on the tidal mudflats between Brickfields and Carli Bay maximas from numerous visits during the month include at least 1500 SEMI PALMATED SANDPIPERS, 185 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS, 50 WHIMBREL, 13 RED KNOT, 9 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 7 HUDSONIAN GODWITS, 2 WILSON'S PLOVERS, 1 MARBLED GODWIT \*, 1 STILT SANDPIPER, 1 WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPER, 1 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL, 150 LARGE BILLED TERNS, 75 YELLOW BILLED TERNS, 46 COMMON TERNS, 8 GULL BILLED TERNS, 2 ROYAL TERNS, 2 CAYENNE TERNS, 2 SANDWICH TERNS, 1 BLACK TERN, 1 LEAST TERN, 300 BLACK SKIMMERS, 1 PARASITIC JAEGER, the first YELLOW WARBLER for the season on the 28th and 2 RED CAPPED CARDINALS

In south Trinidad, two flooded football pitches in Barrackpore became the feeding grounds for 185 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 5 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS, 4 STILT SANDPIPERS, 4 GREATER YELLOWLEGS, 4 LESSER YELLOWLEGS and 2 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVERS on 26th Aug. The following day, a smaller pitch further south along Rochard Douglas Rd held 30 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 25 LESSER YELLOWLEGS, 7 WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPERS, 6 SOLITARY SANDPIPERS, 2 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS and a COLLARED PLOVER. Night birds along Cumuto Rd South in the last few days of the month included up to 10 COMMON PAUQUET 2 SHORT TAILED NIGHTHAWKS and a COMMON POTOO seen close to Basse Terre, and a MOTTLED OWL heard Highlights of censuses in the Trinity Hills on 26th & 27th Aug include 42 SWALLOW TAILED KITES, 2 BAT FALCONS, 4 CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKERS and a WHITE THROATED SPADEBILL

From south west Trinidad, early morning at Sudama Steps on 6th Aug produced 2 COCOI HERONS, several SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHERS, 2 PALE BREASTED SPINETAILS and single LONG WINGED HARRIER and GREEN KINGFISHER. At least 3 GRAY BREASTED CRAKES were heard from the freshwater marsh.

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From Guadeloupe totals of CARIBBEAN MARTIN at Pointe a Pitre maximized at 1800 on 6th Sept. Also present were 2 male (either PURPLE or CUBAN MARTINS) Elsewhere on the island single UPLAND and BUFF BREASTED SANDPIPERS were present at Pole Caraibe airport on 14th Sept and a BOBOLINK there on the 24th.

Autumn arrivals included a BELTED KINGFISHER at Petite Terre on the 10th Sept (earliest date for Guadeloupe); the first NORTHERN WATERTHRUSHES arrived on 14th Sept and a MERLIN at Gosier on the 29th Sept was also the earliest date for the island.

A TRICOLORED HERON was found at Port Louis swamp on 14th Sept. From Petite-Terre the first ever GREAT EGRET for the reserve, a PURPLE THROATED CARIB, a WHITE CROWNED PIGEON and a BLACK THROATED GREEN WARBLER were all present on 27th Sept

From Barbados A juvenile BROWN PELICAN (still a great rarity in Barbados) has taken residence in Bridgetown by the Main Bus Terminal 23 September till month end. A FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER was reported near Gibbs, St. Peter on 17 September

From Tobago, 19 BLACK SKIMMERS were present at Bon Accord sewage lagoon 27th - 29th Aug

From central Trinidad, early morning at Waller Field disused airfield on 16th Sept produced single WHITE WINGED BECARD and STREAKED XENOPS. Also present were at least 10 each of both BLACK THROATED MANGO and RUBY TOPAZ HUMMINGBIRD (species which traditionally would have moved to the mainland by mid September) However local birders should be aware that this site is now becoming severely degraded - bush clearance work is not restricted to one area, and key indicator species (Red bellied Macaws, Sulphury and Bran colored Flycatchers) were neither seen nor heard.

On the west coast of Trinidad, an OSPREY returned to a Carapachima garden on 8th Sept. This individual has returned to the same roosting site for the last 12 years, initially arriving on 3rd Sept 1994 and in most years is first seen in 10 days of the month. From the same site, a MERLIN flying north on the 20th Sept is the first report of the season. During the period 18th - 20th Sept totals of roosting birds on the mudflats between Brickfields and Carli Bay included 160 LARGE BILLED TERNS, 85 YELLOW BILLED TERNS, 40 COMMON TERNS, 2 CAYENNE TERNS, 2 ROYAL TERNS, 1 LEAST TERN, adult and 1st winter LESSER BLACK BACKED GULL. Also seen in the area were 2 RUFOUS NECKED WOOD RAILS \* 6 YELLOW WARBLERS, 2 AMERICAN REDSTARTS and a STRAIGHT BILLED WOODCREEPER. ON 27th Sept 10 CARIBBEAN (GREATER) FLAMINGOS were at the low tide roost at Orange Valley

On the north east coast of Trinidad, a 3.5 hour seawatch at Galera Pt on 22nd Sept produced 227 COMMON TERNS, 137 BROWN NODDIES, 13 ROSEATE TERNS, 2 GULL BILLED TERNS, 11 SHORT BILLED DOWITCHERS and 6 WILLET

From eastern Trinidad, early morning surveys on a number of days in secondary forest, overgrown estates and mangrove between Caigual and Manzanilla produced an adult BLACK HAWK EAGLE \* adult RUFOUS CRAB HAWK \*, 2 PYGMY KINGFISHERS, 4 CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKERS, 8 STREAK HEADED WOODCREEPERS, single WHITE THROATED SPADEBILL and WHITE WINGED BECARD and the first reported AMERICAN REDSTART of the season on the 12th.

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From Guadeloupe, at Petite Terre Nature Reserve, a male BLACK THROATED BLUE WARBLER was found on 17th Oct. The following day, a mist netting session produced 4 YELLOW BILLED CUCKOOS, 1 BLACK BILLED CUCKOO (3rd record for Guadeloupe) and 18 BLACKPOLL WARBLERS. A further banding session at Pointe des Chateaux on 21st - 23rd Oct caught 209 birds including 21 YELLOW BILLED CUCKOOS, 19 BLACKPOLL WARBLERS, 1 MAGNOLIA WARBLER, 1 PRAIRIE WARBLER and 3 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSHES.

Elsewhere on the island, a TRICOLORED HERON was found on 2nd Oct at Pole Caraibes airport, a monthly maxima of 1000 CARIBBEAN MARTINS roosted in Pointe a Pitre town centre on 3rd Oct and: 16 AMERICAN REDSTARTS were at Port Louis on 6th Oct. At sea, the best sighting for 8 hours of watching from Petite terre was a BLACK CAPPED PETREL

From Barbados, the first PEREGRINE of the season was found at Graeme Hall Nature Sanctuary on 14th Oct. At the same site, a RED EYED VIREO was present on the 22nd. Elsewhere, a YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO was found at The Hope on 29th Oct.

From central Trinidad, a visit to the Aripo Agriculture Research Station on 9th Oct produced 5 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVER, 5 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, single WHITE RUMPED and STILT SANDPIPERS, a LITTLE CUCKOO, a RUDDY BREASTED SEEDEATER and the first reported PEREGRINE of the season. At dusk on 10th Aug, a LESSER NIGHTHAWK was hunting over Grand Bazaar junction

From the northern range of Trinidad, belated news that a TRINIDAD PIPING GUAN was seen briefly at Morne Bleu on 27th Sept. An OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER was found at Asa Wright Nature Centre on 6th Oct and the first reported NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH of the season was seen there the following day. On 8th Oct both SILVERED ANTBIRD and BRIGHT RUMPED ATTILA were in Lopinot valley. On 10th Oct, a BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER \* was found on the Blanchisseuse Rd , a VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER was reported from Asa Wright; 2 SCALED ANTPITTAS were heard calling from deep forest below Morne Bleu on both 10th and 12th Oct; a GRAY THROATED LEAFTOSSER and 2 SOOTY GRASSQUITS were found along Las Lapas on 12th Oct

In eastern Trinidad, a total of 4 WHITE THROATED SPADEBILLS were found in two separate patches of woodland north of Sangre Grande on 9 and 10th Oct. Visits to an area of flooded fields close to Kernaham village on both 24th and 26th Oct produced maximas of 59 BLACK BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS, 17 BLUE WINGED TEAL, 3 MALLARD \*, 3 HUDSONIAN GODWITS, 3 AMERICAN GOLDEN PLOVERS, 50 PECTORAL SANDPIPERS, 50 LESSER YELLOWLEGS, 25 SOLITARY SANDPIPERS, 10 GREATER YELLOWLEGS, 10 WILSON'S SNIPE, 2 WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPERS and a SHORT BILLED DOWITCHER. Further inland, close to Bush Bush, a YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO \* was seen on both days, also on the 24th , a CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER and 2 pairs of BLUE AND YELLOW MACAWS flew over. Both MERLIN and PEREGRINE were hunting the area

In south west Trinidad, early morning at Sudama Steps on 11th Oct produced at least 8 PINNATED BITTERNs, single STRIPE BACKED BITTERN and COCOI HERON, 2 LONG WINGED HARRIERS and at least 25 YELLOW WARBLERS, 10 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSHES and 5 SPOTTED TODAY FLYCATCHERS

On the west coast of Trinidad, the tidal mudflats between Orange Valley and Brickfields produced up to 6 juvenile and 1 sub-adult GREATER (CARIBBEAN) FLAMINGOS \*, 3 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS (all 3rd winter), 11 CAYENNE TERNS, 2 SANDWICH TERNS and a GULL BILLED TERN between 11th and 15th Oct. By 21st Oct, there were still 90 LARGE BILLED TERNS, 35 YELLOW BILLED TERNS a single ROYAL TERN and 25 BLACK NECKED STILTS

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Belated news from Martinique, the 1st PEREGRINE and MERLIN of the season were found on 24th and 26th September respectively and individuals have been seen in the le Lamentin, Fort de France and Le Robert areas regularly during November. An extraordinary number of YELLOW BILLED CUCKOOS (conservatively estimated at 50) were found feeding in a young fallow field at Basse Pointe on 27th Oct with a late bird still present at Schoelcher on 28th Nov. A SORA was seen at Salines-Sainte Anne on 29th Oct an up to 4 BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS were present at le Robert between 7th - 26th Nov

From Guadeloupe, sea watching during the month from Petite-Terre Nature Reserve produced 11 CORY'S SHEARWATERS, 1 BLACK CAPPED PETREL, 2 unidentified Pterodroma petrels, 1 PARASITIC JAEGAR, 2 unidentified Stercorarius Jaegers, 1 BROWN BOOBY and 3 "small Shearwaters". At Ste Anne, a NORTHERN PINTAIL was present from 9th Nov to 26th Nov. At Port-Louis Swamp, on 18th Nov, a BALTIMORE ORIOLE was found (1st fall record for Guadeloupe), together with 19 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH, 2 PRAIRIE WARBLERS an AMERICAN REDSTART and a BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER. From the same site, a juvenile BLACK CROWNED NIGHT-HERON was found on 26th Nov

From Barbados, a BLACKPOLL WARBLER was found at Friendly Hall on 4th Nov and a GARGANEY frequented East Pt on 30th Nov

From Tobago, a SORA was found at Lowlands on 16th Nov

In the northern range of Trinidad, a report of an ORANGE BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH from Asa Wright Nature Centre on 7th Nov. From the same site a BLACK HAWK-EAGLE \* was seen soaring on 13th Nov. ON 18th Nov, a female ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK \* was found at Morne Le Croix. Early morning in Lopinot valley on 19th Nov produced single BROAD WINGED HAWK, DOUBLE TOOTHED KITE, GREEN KINGFISHER and SILVERED ANTBIRD

On the west coast of Trinidad, at Waterloo and Orange valley, 10 GREATER (CARIBBEAN) FLAMINGOS ( 8 juvs, 1 sub-ad and 1 ad) were found on 11th Nov together with 5 (3rd winter) LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS and at least 65 BLACK NECKED STILTS. An adult SNAIL KITE \* was reported flying south in the same area. By 17th Nov, LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS had increased to 7. On 21st Nov GREATER FLAMINGOS had increased to 14; 35 LARGE BILLED TERNS were still present and the numbers of ROYAL TERNS had increased to 26. Elsewhere, a RUFIOUS CRAB-HAWK\* was seen at Carli Bay and a road corpse SORA RAIL at Caroni, both on 11th Nov

In central Trinidad, a male RUDDY BREASTED SEEDEATER was found at the Aripo Livestock Stn on 28th Nov.

On the east coast of Trinidad a juvenile CRESTED CARACARA\* was seen near Manzanilla on 13th Nov

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From Guadeloupe, a total of 9 hours sea watching from Petit-terre Nature Reserve during the month produced 2 CORYS SHEARWATERS and single BLACK CAPPED PETREL, LEACH'S PETREL and PARASITIC JAEGER. Of local interest, a BANANAQUIT color banded at Pointe des Châteaux (11 kms by sea) was observed at the nature reserve and a CATTLE EGRET was present 26th Nov-29th Dec

Elsewhere on the island up to 7 CAVE SWALLOWS (1st record for Guadeloupe) were present between 4th - 25th Dec at Port-Louis swamp together with 2 BANK SWALLOWS and a CLIFF SWALLOW. At the same site a total of 37 NORTHERN WATERTHRUSHES together with 5 PROTHONOTARY WARBLERS, 4 PRAIRIE WARBLERS, 3 BLACK AND WHITE WARBLERS, 2 AMERICAN REDSTARTS and single CAPE MAY WARBLER, NORTHERN PARULA and OVENBIRD were all found on 4th Dec. At Riviere Salee, up to 4 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS were present during the month together with a RING BILLED GULL on 8th Dec

From Barbados, potentially a regional first was an almost certain BALTIC GULL (*Larus f.fuscus*) at the Bridgetown Fisheries Complex on 7th Dec. In Turners Hall Woods on 26th Dec single PEARLY-EYED THRASHER, OVENBIRD and possible LOUISIANA WATERTHRUSH were found.

On the Christmas Bird Count held on 31 Dec new finds included: 11 BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING DUCKS at Packers and a WILSON'S PLOVER at Inch Marlowe. Other highlights included the GARGANEY still at East Point and a WHIMBREL at Chancery Lane. Also at Six Mens Bay the flock of 75 wintering SANDERLING included three colour-ringed individuals.

From Tobago, an OVENBIRD\* was reported from the Main Ridge forest reserve early in the month. This is the first reported sighting in T&T for 36 years. A late WHITE RUMPED SANDPIPER was at Pigeon Pt on 8th Dec and a YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO was found at the same site the following day. On 10th Dec a gray male HOOK BILLED KITE \* was seen over Lowlands and 2 MANGROVE CUCKOOS were at Bon Accord. On 11th Dec, an immature ZONE TAILED HAWK\* (1st for Tobago) was found at Barbados Bay and a LESSER NIGHTHAWK \* (whilst reported a few years ago, this is the first documented account for over 50 years from Tobago) hawked over Bon Accord lagoons. On 13th Dec, 2 STRIPED OWLS were found on Flagstaff Hill, 3 WHITE WINGED BECARDS at Murchison Rd and 2 SORA RAILS were at Lowlands. Finally, on 16th Dec (presumably the same) HOOK BILLED KITE was seen over Bon Accord.

Returning RUBY TOPAZ and BLACK THROATED MANGO hummingbirds began to appear throughout the island from about 9th Dec. Most CARIBBEAN MARTINS have left Tobago for their wintering grounds by early November but individuals were still showing at Bon Accord and Lowlands up to 13th Dec

In the northern range of Trinidad, a female LONG BILLED STARTRHOAT was seen at Asa Wright Nature Centre on 3rd Dec, a BRIGHT RUMPED ATTLA on the 6th and an OLIVE SIDED FLYCATCHER on the 8th were at the same site. Elsewhere a CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER was found high up in Lopinot valley on 3rd Dec and the infrequently seen SCALED ANTPITTA was again on the Blanchisseuse Rd on 13th Dec

In north west Trinidad, a YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO appeared in a Westmoorings garden on Christmas Day.

On the east coast of Trinidad, up to 2 adult AZURE GALLINULES were close to Kernaham settlement on 5th Dec. In the same general area, a male ORCHARD ORIOLE\* (1st for T&T) was seen and photographed on 13th Dec. Slightly higher up the coast, a PARASITIC JAEGER was seen offshore Manzanilla on the 14th and a GREAT BLACK HAWK was found slightly inland at Plum Rd on the 16th

In central Trinidad, a male RUDDY BREASTED SEEDEATER was found at the Aripo Agriculture Station on 14th Dec; a BLACK HAWK EAGLE was at Waller Field on the 15th and the first reported DICKCISSEL of the season was heard over d'Abadie on 16th Dec

On the west coast of Trinidad an extremely late party of 20 LARGE BILLED TERNS were still present at Waterloo on 4th Dec together with 3 LESSER BLACK BACKED GULLS and an un-seasonal COCOI HERON flew across Caroni swamp on 11th Dec. The following day, the roosting ROYAL TERN total had increased to 45 and 2 un-seasonal WILSON'S PLOVERS were reported from Orange Valley.

In south Trinidad, early morning along Edwards trace produced 4 ZONE TAILED HAWKS, 3 GRAY HAWKS, 2 BAT FALCONS, 2 DOUBLE TOOTHED KITES and single BROAD WINGED HAWK, SHORT TAILED HAWK, WHITE HAWK and COMMON BLACK HAWK. Also seen were single SHORT TAILED NIGHTHAWK, CRIMSON CRESTED WOODPECKER and a WHITE THROATED SPADEBILL sitting on a nest.

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