

was supposed to help, but that 90 mile drive in heavy rain was just too much, and she called it off at the last minute. We only saw 37 species (43 last year) which wasn't bad, considering the rain and that some of our best birding territory was under water. We had a total of 37 Blue Jays (the most ever) and were able to find 28 Bluebirds. Cowbirds are rare here in winter, but we had 60 this year.

Please excuse me for a moment if I may become a little sentimental. Christmas time and the New Year are times to evaluate the past and look hopefully toward the future. I wish to thank everyone that sent us Christmas greetings. Each card contained a message and reflected the considerate personality of the sender. May I pick one and share its message with you.

Never a Christmas morning
 Never the old year ends
 But someone thinks of someone
 Old days, old times, old friends.

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BANDING IN TRINIDAD

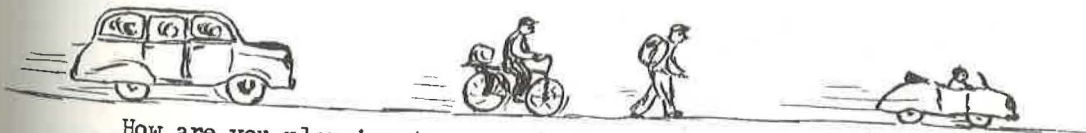
From a Letter to the Editor by LeRoy Wilcox

My wife and I have just returned (December) from a most enjoyable vacation spent at Spring Hill Estate (Mrs. Wright), a 200-acre cocoa plantation at Arima, Trinidad. See Sept-Oct, 1964 issue of Audubon Magazine for article by Don Eckelberry about this wonderful place.

Mrs. Wright allowed me to band birds there and in 20 days I netted and banded 65 species of which only 3 were U.S. species. Banded one of the young Oilbirds in the cave on the Estate, a Venezuelan *Mionectes* (only 3 other records for Trinidad), 8 species of Hummingbirds, White-bellied Martin, Spine-tailed Swift, Variegated Bittern, Blue and Yellow Tanager (probably the most beautiful bird I have banded out of some 280 species now banded.)

I have written Dr. Blake to see if he could give me a 20 minute spot in the program at next annual meeting to show slides of some of these birds of Trinidad.

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How are you planning to get to this year's EBBA annual meeting?