

## SUPPLEMENT TO 'THE BIRDS OF ANTIGUA'

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IN 'The Auk' for July, 1934 (50: 350-364) the writer published a paper on the birds of Antigua, based on field work done there in 1933 and a survey of the literature. Since the time of his visit there has been a great reawakening of interest in birds among local bird lovers, many of whom have sent him much interesting information, frequently accompanied by specimens for identification or verification. Principally by these means, and to a lesser extent by a more careful scrutiny of the literature and of specimens in collections, such a large number of additional records for the island have accumulated that it seems desirable to publish a supplement to the original paper, which listed eighty-one species, exclusive of six which were listed hypothetically. In the present paper six species are added to the definitive list, bringing it to eighty-seven. Only one of these was added by removal from the hypothetical list, and as one is added to that it still stands at six. However, as Mr. Fleming writes me that his White Pelican record was an unaccountable error, it really should be reduced to five by complete removal of this species. Additional information is given concerning a few species previously listed, to clarify their status or to give important new matter regarding them. Thanks are due to the many interested bird observers in Antigua, most of whose names are mentioned in this paper, for making this supplement necessary.

WEST INDIAN GREAT BLUE HERON, *Ardea herodias adoza*.—This species was recorded hypothetically in my previous list. Since then I have been informed of numerous sight records by local observers, and Mr. A. K. Petrie Hay has sent me an adult specimen (apparently male) obtained in January 1937, and prepared by Mr. H. E. Box. Its wing measures 470.5 mm.

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON, *Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*.—Although recorded in my previous list, its status in Antigua was very uncertain. Mr. G. O. Nugent has sent me an immature specimen (prepared by Mr. Box) which Mr. Nugent's son shot in a high tamarind tree by a small pond near his house on February 27, 1938.

[WHISTLING SWAN, *Cygnus columbianus*.—A swan which was apparently an immature Whistling Swan, appeared at the Corbizon Point swamps on December 18, 1937, and was repeatedly seen on many occasions from then until the last week of February 1938, by many observers, including Mr. A. K. Petrie Hay, Mr. A. F. A. Turner, Mr. H. E. Box, Dr. L. R. Hutson, Mrs. H. M. McDonald and others, some of whom have sent me very minute descriptions of the bird. Due primarily to the efforts of His Honour, J. D. Harford, Administrator of Antigua, assisted by others interested in Antigua bird life, an Order-in-Council protecting swans was passed in

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record short time, and published in a special edition of the official 'Leeward Islands Gazette' with the express object of protecting this bird. Due to the fact that the bird was not collected, and to the absence of other West Indian records of the species, it is listed hypothetically, despite the detailed descriptions received.]

BALDPATE, AMERICAN WIDGEON, *Mareca americana*.—Mr. H. E. Box prepared and sent to me the head and wing of an example of this species shot by Mr. A. F. A. Turner at Corbizon Point on February 28, 1938. It was evidently an immature male, and constitutes the first record for the island.

BLUE-WINGED TEAL, *Querquedula discors*.—Mr. Box has sent me the wing of an example shot by Mr. A. F. A. Turner at Corbizon Point during the last week in December 1937. Previously it is not recorded definitely from the island. A "teal duck" shot at Cook's Estate October 28, 1937, bearing a band of P. Skovgaard No. M 2640, reported by Mr. A. K. Petrie Hay, had been banded earlier that year in Iceland. Without having seen the specimen or complete particulars I cannot say if this record pertains to the European Teal (*Nettion crecca*) or to some other species.

WILSON'S SNIPE, *Capella delicata*.—Included in my previous list on the basis of rather indefinite reports, published and otherwise, all unsubstantiated by specimens. I now have in my collection a specimen shot at Corbizon Point on February 9, 1938, by Mr. A. F. A. Turner, and prepared and sent to me by Mr. Box.

ZENAIDA DOVE, *Zenaida aurita zenaida*.—Specimens of this genus from Antigua in various collections range from typical *zenaida* to typical *aurita*, with the majority intermediate. The male in my collection obtained near Morn's Bay, August 1, 1933 (which I previously regarded as an intermediate), upon more careful examination I regard as typical *zenaida*, a form not previously recorded from the island.

BELTED KINGFISHER, *Megaceryle alcyon alcyon*.—Due to the paucity of exact migration dates in this region, it seems of interest to record that Mrs. H. M. McDonald noted this species from the middle of September 1937, until April 26, 1938.

BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER, *Mniotilta varia*.—Due to some unaccountable oversight, this species was not included in my previous list, despite published records by Nicoll and Riley. Mr. G. O. Nugent and Mrs. H. D. McDonald report seeing it regularly from November to April, the former recording dates up until April 14, 1938.

BLACKPOLL WARBLER, *Dendroica striata*.—Another species which was overlooked in my previous list. Nicoll (*Ibis*, 1904, p. 574) records a specimen given him by Branch.

MYRTLE WARBLER, *Dendroica coronata*.—Mr. G. O. Nugent has sent me a very accurate description of two individuals which spent some time near his home in the winter of 1937-38, and which he observed at very close range, the birds even entering his bedroom on occasion. Not previously recorded from the island.

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