

Hilo, H., and single Glaucous-wingeds at Laysan I. and at Pa'akai Pond in Nu'upia Ponds W.M.A. One winter-plumaged Com. Tern was watched fishing at Aimakapa Reef, H., Aug. 8 (KI), and a Least Tern was observed (TS) and photographed (CH) Sept. 10 & 11 at Aimakapa Pond, H. A Black Tern, an exceptionally rare vagrant in Hawaii, was seen in flight at Kealia Pond, M., Sept. 5 (EV); and one was watched foraging for 10 minutes at Nu'upia Ponds W.M.A., O., Oct. 3 (EV, DP). Five Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, seen well on the ground and in flight along W. Hawaii Cement Rd., H., Oct. 12 (DP, RLP) indicated that this species still does appear at this favored locality, at least irregularly.

Passerines

Seven young Alala (Hawaiian Crow, critically *Endangered*) were released successfully into the wild in the McCandless Ranch area of Hawai'i I. during October. Four of these had been hatched in the captive flock at Olinda, M., and the other three had been raised from eggs collected from the wild flock. Two other chicks raised from wild eggs were transferred to the captive flock at Olinda to help broaden the very limited genetic base now hampering production in that flock. One ad. Puaiohi (*Endangered*) was seen again on Mohihi Ridge Trail, K., Nov. 25 (JD), but none of the other *Endangered* Kaua'i forestbirds has been positively sighted since the late 1980's. Maui Parrotbills (*Endangered*) continue to be reported occasionally along the main trail in Waikamoi Preserve, M. One—two were seen well there Sept. 4 (EV), two were there Oct. 6 (DP), and one (probably a male) was sighted

Oct. 18 (TS). The best news about *Endangered* Hawaii forestbirds was the sighting of both Nukupuu and Poouli on Maui. One ad. ♂ Nukupuu was seen briefly Oct. 20 during a U.S.F.W.S. survey trip (JJ), the first confirmed sighting of this species in recent years. During an earlier survey trip Aug. 30, two ad. and one juv. Poouli were seen in a family group, the latter begging and being fed by the adults (U.S.F.W.S.). Three brief detections of Poouli were recorded on 2 other dates during the 2 surveys. Sightings of both species were on the n.e. slope of Haleakala Mt., near where they had been last sighted a few years ago.

Warbling Silverbills were seen 3 times on O'ahu this season. Two birds were found at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Oct. 23 (LT), five—ten were at Lyon Arboretum in Honolulu Nov. 13 (PB), and two were seen near Makapu'u Lighthouse Nov. 20 (PB). Silverbills are still rarely reported on O'ahu, although they have become common on several other islands.

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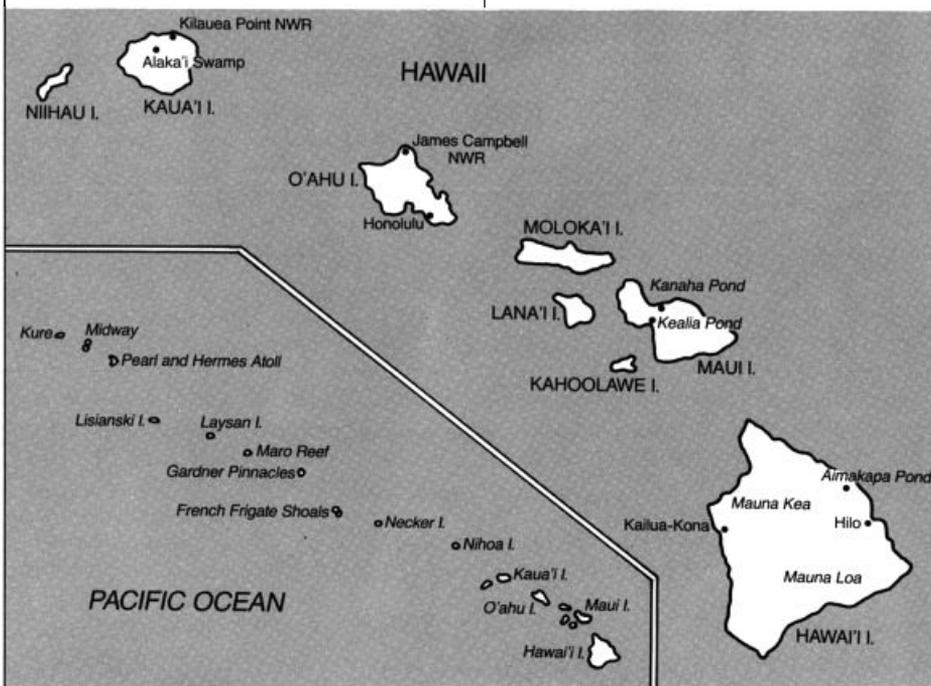
Late season tropical cyclones added much needed precipitation to the rainfall budget of many islands. Tropical Storm *Debbie*, which flooded St. Lucia in early September, brought larger than normal numbers of shorebirds to nearby Barbados. Strong easterly winds and fallout of Saharan dust at Barbados in late November raised doubts as to the origin of some migrants normally considered from eastern North America. As you notice the bold-faced records, recall their normal migration destination. Andrew Dobson of Bermuda wrote that no less than 14 early dates were broken this fall, and as many as 157 species were recorded by the end of October. Eric Amos' records over the last 25 years suggested that the first migrant wave was about six days early.

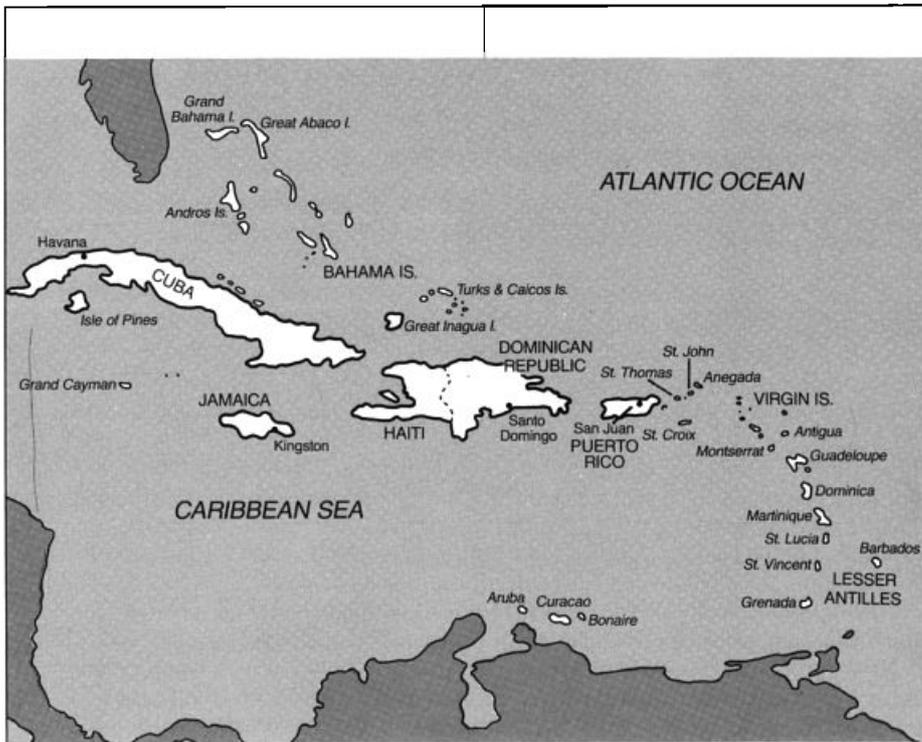
Abbreviations: Ba. (*Bahamas*); Bd. (*Barbados*); Be. (*Bermuda*) and Ma. (*Martinique*).

Pelicans to Terns

A Brown Pelican was noted at Andros, Ba., Oct. 14 (TW, BH), but it is not known whether it was of Cuban or Floridian origin. A small group of pelicans may have begun nesting in the n. Bahamas once again. A juv. Brown Booby was repeatedly seen along the w. coast of Bd., Sept. 28—Oct. 23 (MF, EM).

Neotropical Cormorants are making their presence known in the Bahamas (TW, BH) with sightings at New Providence (two birds) Oct. 6 and Bennett's Harbour, Cat Island, Oct. 8 (TW, BH). Two Reddish Egrets were noted Oct. 14 at Stanford Cr., Andros, and one on Old Bight, Cat Island, Oct. 8 (TW, BH). Seven West Indian Whistling-Ducks were seen at Andros, Ba., Oct. 14 (TW). A half-dozen Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, probably of S. American origin, were seen at Christ Church, Bd., in mid-August; a single bird remained there until mid-October (MF, EM). An imm. N. Pintail was present at East Point, Bd., Oct. 30 (MF, EM), and two Ring-necked Ducks appeared there also Nov. 6—30. Up to five Lesser Scaup were present at Raedde Hall Swamp, Bd., Nov. 30. An ad. Gull-billed Duck was seen at Mangrove, Bd., in mid-August and probably again at Coles, Bd., Sept.





19–Oct. 3 (MF, EM). An ad. Peregrine Falcon was noted at Coles, Bd., Sept. 23 (MF, EM), and two were noted at Cat Island, Ba., Oct. 8 (TW, BH).

An Am. Coot appeared at Coles, Bd., Oct. 28 (MF, EM), representing one of the few fall records from that island. American Golden-Plovers were heard at the New Providence golf course, Ba., Oct. 11 & 12 (BH). A W. Sandpiper was picked out of a group of sandpipers at Cat I., Oct. 8 (BH, TW). A Com. Black-headed Gull seen at Congo Rd., Bd., Nov. 30 (MF, EM) may have been a vagrant from Europe. A single Sandwich Tern was noted at Bridgetown Fish Market, Bd., Oct. 30, providing one of few island records (MF, EM).

Doves to Sparrows

A White-winged Dove noted at Cat I., Ba., Oct. 8 (BH, TW) may have been a stray from recently colonized Long I. or the s. Bahamas (RLN). A Long-eared Owl seen Nov. 3 (DW) survived long enough to be the first live specimen to be recorded from Bermuda in 25 years (AD). Two White-tailed Nighthawks were noted Aug. 1 at Anse Noir, Ma. (RW&SAS, WB&BR). On the 2nd record of Whip-poor-will was noted for Be., Oct. 16, when a storm-blown bird landed during the mid-month storm that came off the e. coast of N. America. Six Black Swifts were noted at Bd., Aug. 13, the largest number seen there at one time (MF, EM). A Ruby-throated Hummingbird somehow made it to Bermuda by Aug. 30 (GM) to eclipse William Beebe's previous 1929 early date by one day! A first-record Say's Phoebe was recorded (video) at Bermuda Sept. 17 (EA).

A single Lesser Antillean Pewee (*Catoptus l. brunneicapillus*) was seen at Absolon Arboretum, Ma. This pewee may be split soon from the Puerto Rican and other Lesser Antillean forms. A flock of seven Cliff Swallows were seen Nov. 27 at Coles, Bd., which is apparently a late date there (MF, EM).

An ad. ♂ Northern Wheatear was noted at N. Point, Bd., in late November (DA), representing the 2nd island record and perhaps only the fifth record for the Region. A single White-breasted Thrasher was seen near a nest Aug. 4 at Caravelle Pen., the last dry forest habitat of this rare species on Martinique. A Philadelphia Vireo was seen Sept. 14 (DBW) for the earliest date there; and at Cat I., Ba., a Philadelphia Vireo was observed (BH, TW) Oct. 8 for one of very few records from the Antillean region. A Red-eyed Vireo was seen at Harrisons Point Light, Bd., Oct. 23–24, providing the 3rd island record (MF, EM). A N. Parula was seen at Harrisons Point Lighthouse, Bd., Oct. 23 (MF, EM). The distinctive red-headed Yellow "Golden" Warbler (*Dendroica p. ruficapilla*) of Martinique was widespread in several habitat types (PW&SAS, B&BR). The 3rd record of Cap May Warbler for Barbados was seen at Coles Nov. 6 (MF, EM, ph.). A Clay-colored Sparrow was reported from Andros, Ba., Oct. 15, a first there and one of few for the Bahamas. An early fall White-crowned Sparrow seen Oct. 1 (DBW *et al.*) preceded the earliest fall record of Field Sparrow Oct. 13 (EA, AD). On the same day a first-record Sharp-tailed Sparrow was video-taped (EA, AD), which may be the first extra-continental report yet.

The endemic Martinique Oriole is apparently widespread, as seen in various habitats Aug. 1, and not as rare as thought (PW&SAS, B&BR).

Addendum

Late reports of notable spring and summer records include: Brown Pelican at Lyford Cay, New Providence, Ba., March 20–21 (AB); Canada Goose at Lyford Cay, New Providence, Ba., April 23, 1993 (AB); Wood Sandpiper at Packers, Bd., March 5 and again at Congo Road, Bd., April 26 (MF, EM); ad. Whiskered Tern seen April 16–23 at Congo Rd., Bd. (MF, EM), purportedly a 2nd record, the first being a juvenile in 1847 (*vide* MF); a first record of Masked Booby during the Saharan dust storm at April at Coles, Bd. (MF, EM).

On a 7.5 hour, one-day stop Oct. 16, 1992, at Cococay, a luxury liner tourist retreat off Little Stirrup Key, n. Bahamas, Adamo recorded interesting birds, including Peregrine Falcon and Merlin, two Hudsonian Godwits, a Herring Gull, a N. Mockingbird, and White-eyed Vireo. He also reported 10 warbler species: Magnolia, Cape May, Blackpoll, 10 Yellow-rumped, 30 Palm, Yellow-throated, Prairie, Orange-crowned, Am. Redstart, and Com. Yellow-throat.

A ♀ Scarlet Tanager was noted at St Michael, Bd., May 4 (MF, EM) and a N Oriole was reported from Warrens, St Michael, Bd., May 5 (DA).

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