

Cay, Berry Is., BA (SS). A first summer record of **Virginia Rail** was an excellent find at Long L., BE, 6 Jun (PW, AD). A pair of Am. Coots raised 2 broods at Spittal Pond, BE, for the first time at this locality (DW).

During the summer, an Osprey was seen at the s. end of Bermuda. A squad of eight Whimbrel bivouacked at the Bermuda airfield throughout the period (DW). Showing its contrasting black tail and white rump, a probable Hudsonian Godwit was seen at Chubb Cay, Berry Is., BA, in mid-June (SS, pending ph.), and a Herring Gull was noted there mid-June as well (SS). A lone Laughing Gull present throughout the summer in Bermuda (PW) was joined briefly by another 9–12 Jun, for... you know... a few laughs. Common Terns nested at Bermuda again this year (DW). Least Terns were found nesting on both sides of the airport road at Chubb Cay in mid-June (SS). Sooty Terns and Brown Noddies were also seen near Chubb Cay at Mama Rhoda Rock, where they were very likely nesting.

A **Chuck-will's-widow** incubating 2 eggs (ph. TW) at Rand Nature Centre, Grand Bahama, 1 Jun (MA, *fide* RO) documented the first nesting record for the Region; Bond did not accept a 1972 report of nesting at Andros. Antillean Nighthawks were abundant at Chubb Cay, with 50+ in mid-June (SS). Singing 17 Jul through the end of the season, an **American Robin** at Jenningsland, BE (JM, PH), provided a remarkable summer record. One of the Region's rarest and least-known birds, La Selle Thrush eluded detection in a July search using audio samples at 4 previously known sites near the border of Haiti and the Massif de La Selle (CG/SG). The Gambills noted that Haitian farmers were expanding their gardens and truck-cropping deeper and deeper into the mountains and that key habitats are very likely becoming fragmented.

A Yellow Warbler on Gibbet I., BE, 10 Jul (JM) was very much out-of-season, as were two or three more seen 14 Jul at Ely's Harbour, BE (AD). Jenningsland, BE, hosted another unusual summer record, this time an **Ovenbird** on 22 Jun (PH). On a 15 Jul trip through the Sierra de Bahoruco, Dominican Republic, a flock of White-winged and Green-tailed (Ground) warblers fed along the mountain road, and Gray-crowned Palm-Tanager and Chat Tanager were considered good finds as well (CG/SG). Higher in the Sierra de Bahoruco, the Gambills managed to find male and female Pine Siskins at the crest before

entering the next watershed; this is perhaps the first time siskins have been reported in this column.

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