

are present (Table 1). Ron Pagliaro counted birds along the breakwater from a tour boat on 16 Jul, and Erika Gates, Ricky Johnson, and Denise Neely checked it by kayak and motor boat the following day.

### DOVES THROUGH BLACKBIRDS

A White-winged Dove in St. David's 18–22 Jun (ph. AD) provided a first record for Bermuda. There has been a remarkable expansion of this species in Florida and the Greater Antilles over the last decade. Two Key West Quail-Doves were heard calling at Angel Pt., Abaco 15 (EBS) & 24 Jun (EB, TW). Nigel Hacking reported the Lesser Antillean parrots in good numbers this summer 12–14 Jun: 43 St. Vincent Parrots along the Vermont nature trail 12 Jun; 23 St. Lucia Parrots at Quillesse forest 13–14 Jun; and at Syndicate, Dominica, 34 Red-necked and 3 Imperial Parrots 14 Jun. Parrots in the Greater Antilles do not seem to be faring as well.

A late Yellow-billed Cuckoo was calling

at Angel Pt., Abaco 15 Jun (EBS). CW heard a Chuck-will's-widow calling at Coral Harbour, New Providence as late as 11 Jul. Some 11 West Indian Woodpeckers were counted 16 Jul on a drive from Crown Haven to Sandy Pt., Abaco, nearly the entire length of the island (EG, RJ, DN). Also seen was the pair nesting at McLean's Town, Grand Bahama 20 Jul. Gates remarked that these looked smaller than the Abaco birds.

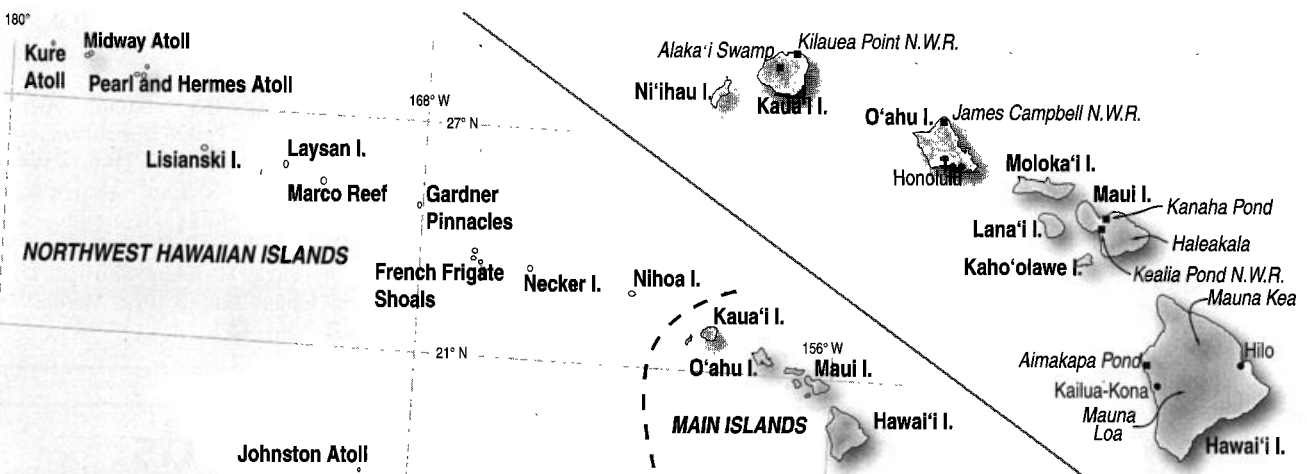
At Barbados, a White-collared Swift noted 6 Jul near St. Joseph provided the first island record (EM, MF). An Alpine Swift—first seen 21 Jun—was studied carefully in the company of 10 Black Swifts at St. Bernards Village, Barbados 22 Jun; it ultimately remained through mid-Jul (MF, EM). This report represents the 2nd record for the island and the 5th for the Region. Barn Swallows do not summer in the Bahamas, so presumably individuals seen at the Marsh Harbour dump 20 Jun (EB, TW) and Lyford Cay 18 Jul (TW) represented the extremes

of spring and fall migrations, respectively.

A migrant Yellow-throated Warbler was seen 18 Jul at Diamond Farms, New Providence (PD). A Black-and-white Warbler at Lucaya N.P., Grand Bahama 26 Jul was early (MW). Louisiana Waterthrush is an early fall migrant, but one at Diamond Farms, New Providence 13 Jul was especially early (PD). A Shiny Cowbird spent the summer at Diamond Farms, New Providence (PD, m. ob.).

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# Hawaiian Islands



A good number of pelagic trips and unusual numbers and variety of overwintering shorebirds enlivened a generally quiet season. Reports of landbirds were rather sparse.

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**Abbreviations:** E. (Endangered Species); H. (Hawai'i I.); Hakalau (Hakalau N.W.R., Hawai'i I.); Hanalei (Hanalei N.W.R., Kaua'i); Honouliuli (Honouliuli Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu); K. (Kaua'i); Kanaha (Kanaha Pond, Maui); Kealia (Kealia Pond N.W.R., Maui); Kii (Ki'i Unit of James Campbell N.W.R., O'ahu); Kokee (Koke'e S.P., Kaua'i); K.P. (Kilauea Pt. N.W.R., Kaua'i); M. (Maui); O. (O'ahu); T. (Threatened Species); Waiawa (Waiawa Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu); Waikamoi (Waikamoi Preserve, Maui).

### ALBATROSSES THROUGH BOOBIES

Laysan Albatrosses had a good breeding season at K.P., where 44 chicks fledged 19 Jun–27 Jul. Occasional ads. were observed through 31 Jul (BZ). Black-footed Albatrosses are less common near the main islands, but single Black-footeds were seen 10 Jun over Lehua I. (DK) and 19 & 20 Jul over K.P. (BZ).

Small numbers of Hawaiian Petrels (E.) were spotted on pelagic trips from Kaua'i to Lehua I., near Ni'ihau, 4 & 24 Jun and 25 Jul (DK) and on pelagic trips from O'ahu 8 & 9 Jun (HS). A survey of Popoia I. near O'ahu 28 Jun turned up 92 Bulwer's Petrel nests—a record-high number for the island (JP). Buller's Shearwaters are rare near the main Hawaiian Islands, and very few have been well documented. Single Buller's were photographed off O'ahu 9 Jun and off Kaua'i 17 Jun (HS), and another was seen between Kaua'i and Lehua I. 10 Jun (DK). One to 5 Newell's Shearwaters (T.) were seen between Kaua'i and Lehua I. 4 & 24 Jun and 25 Jul (DK). A single Newell's was observed off O'ahu 9 Jun (HS). Two pairs of Newell's were nesting in artificial nest boxes at K.P. Jul+ (BZ). Most Newell's breed on higher mountain slopes, but in recent years 1–3 pairs have nested at this protected coastal site.

David Kuhn hiked into Nualolo Valley, K. after dark 13 Jul. He heard hundreds of Newell's Shearwaters, a number of Band-rumped Storm-Petrels, and a few Hawai-

ian Petrels. One hundred thirty Red-tailed Tropicbird nests were found at K.P. One of the Red-taileds there had been banded at Midway Atoll in 1999 (BZ). Two separate Masked Booby nests, each with one chick, were found 31 Jul at Midway Atoll N.W.R., where they are very rare nesters.

### FRANCOLINS THROUGH GULLS

Since Dec 2001, Gray Francolins have been heard regularly near Honouliuli but seldom seen. Fifteen were spotted 25 Jun (PD). Seven male Gambel's Quail were identified in a flock of 16 quail at Pu'u La'au (PM, JR). This species is one of the scarcest of the introduced gamebirds in the islands but has been reported more frequently than usual this year.

Hawaiian Stilts (E.) appeared to have pretty good nesting success this year (PD, MN, BZ). Unlike the previous year, most chicks appeared to have fledged by 31 Jul (PD). As water levels dropped at Kealia, Hawaiian Stilt numbers rose to 1079 on 17 Jul (MN), an unusually high count.

Some Pacific Golden-Plovers, Wandering Tattlers, and Ruddy Turnstones remain in the Region all summer, but the 45–60 Pacific Golden-Plovers in Waipahu, O. in early Jun was an unusually high number (PD). Noteworthy reports of other overwintering shorebirds species were: 2 Black-bellied Plovers at Pouhala Marsh, O. 25 Jun (JP) and at nearby Honouliuli 25 Jul (PD), and one at Honouliuli 31 Jul (PD); 4 Bristle-thighed Curlews at Kii 28 Jun (PD); and a lame Sharp-tailed Sandpiper at Honouliuli 25 & 31 Jul (PD).

Single South Polar Skuas, rarely reported in the Region, were spotted between Kauai and Lehua 17 (HS) & 24 Jun (DK). Two Franklin's Gulls in breeding plumage were observed at Kealia 5 Jun (MN). Although most gulls reported in the Hawaiian Islands are subad. birds, most Franklin's are ads. in breeding plumage seen from late spring to early summer. Single Laughing Gulls at Kealia 3 & 17 Jul were in non-breeding plumage (MN).

An adult Slaty-back Gull lingered on Midway 1–17 Jan (vt RD, DS, KL, v. ob.). A Black-legged Kittiwake that arrived on Midway 10 Jan (DS, KL) was found dead the next day.

### DOVES THROUGH PASSERINES

Four rare Mourning Doves were seen in Pu'uana'hulu, H. 2 Jun (RD), with one there 8 Jun (PM, JR). None had been reported on the Big Island of Hawai'i for years until this May. For decades, Mariana Swiftlets (E.) from an introduced population had been nesting in a tunnel in Halawa Valley, O. A survey 13 Jun turned up no swiftlets in the tunnel (PD, JP, DS, EV), and none have been found there since Dec 2001 (EV). Dog and human tracks in the tunnel suggest the birds may have been driven out. Up to 7 were seen in flight 13 Jun farther down the valley (PD, JP, DS, EV).

Eight O'ahu 'Elepaio (E.), including 2 juvs., were found in Halawa Valley, O. 13 Jun (PD, JP, DS, EV). Single ad. O'ahu 'Elepaio were seen along Aiea Trail, O. 5 (PD) & 16 Jul (RM). Palila (E.) were observed at Pu'u La'au, H. 6 (PM, JR) & 19 Jun (RP). As usual, tour groups found small numbers of 'Akiapola'au (E.) and Hawai'i Creeper (E.) at Hakalau and Pu'u 'O'o Ranch, H. 6–27 Jun (RP). We received no other reports of any of the other endangered native forest birds.

Two Black-rumped Waxbills—among the rarest of the exotic finches in the Region—were observed in Pu'uana'hulu, H. 8 Jun (PM, JR). African Silverbills appear to be increasing in numbers on O'ahu; 14 were counted near Honouliuli 25 Jun (PD).

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