



morants on West Caicos 23 Sep were unprecedented for the Turks & Caicos Is. (SW), whatever their species. Neotropic Cormorants were noted nesting in Nov at Blue Pond, Great Exuma (J&BM). Anhingas are rare in the Bahamas, so up to 4 on New Providence this season was noteworthy. First reported at Harrold & Wilson Ponds N.P. 21 Sep (PD, ph. LL, LH, KHL), Anhingas were also noted through the season at the Ocean Club G.C. and Lakeview Ponds on Paradise I. (m.ob.), Cable Beach (PD, LL), and Adelaide (PM, m.ob.). An Anhinga remained at Graeme Hall Swamp, Barbados through at least 9 Nov (SM, MF).

An American Bittern, a scarce migrant and wintering species in the Bahamas, was seen 18 Oct at Guana Cay, Abaco (RP). A Least Bittern was noted at Foster's Swamp, Barbados 27 Nov (EM, MF). *Wilma* was responsible for 28 Great Blue Herons at Frank's Bay, Bermuda 26 Oct (DW). Bermuda's first Gray Heron was found moribund at Kindley Field 7 Oct (DW). Thirty Cattle Egrets were at Bermuda Airport 24 Nov (PW). A Roseate Spoonbill was seen in the Marls, Abaco 24 Sep (EB, BB). About 24 Greater Flamingos were noted on West Caicos 23 Sep (SW). The long-staying Bermuda Red-tailed Hawk was seen over the Hamilton Harbour Is. 17 Aug (DBW).

What was almost certainly a Black Rail was flushed from the edge of North Pond, Bermuda 24 Nov; there have been only a few similar brief sightings of this species here since it was first recorded by Hurdis in Bermuda in 1851! Watson commented: "Seen at a distance of about 15–20 feet as it flew from the se. corner of the pond onto one of the small islands on se. corner; a very small, all-black bird about the size of a very dumpy sparrow, white spots on lower back seen, and large trailing feet noted in flight." Fifty Semipalmated Plovers were at various locations around Bermuda 17 Sep (AD); 3–4 Piping Plovers were on Bermuda, with one seen late at Spanish Pt. 31 Oct+ (PW). Piping numbers at Green Turtle Cay, Abaco rose from 5 on 16 Aug to 18 on 18 Nov (EB, BB); elsewhere in the Bahamas, 5 were at Joe Cay, Exumas 7–8 Sep (RP), one on the beach one km



This Swainson's Thrush lingered on Desirade Island, Guadeloupe 21–23 (here 23) October 2005, furnishing a first record for the country.  
Photograph by Anthony Levesque.

e. of the Lucayan Waterway, Grand Bahama 31 Aug (BP), and 2 at Lucaya Beach, Grand Bahama 31 Aug (EG). An American Avocet, possibly the one that spent last winter there, showed up at Harrold & Wilson Ponds N.P. 19 Nov (PD, LL, KHL, LH). A late Willet was at Hungry Bay, Bermuda 20 Nov (GH). On 7 Sep, 5 Upland Sandpipers were at Pointe à Pitre airport, Guadeloupe (AL); one was at Tuckers Town G.C., Bermuda 11 Sep (JM). A Whimbrel was seen flying over Compass Cay, Exumas 8 Sep (RP).

On 11 Sep, a European Whimbrel (nominate subspecies of Whimbrel) was noted at Ste. Anne, Guadeloupe (AL), providing about the 4th record for the Antilles. A Hudsonian Godwit frequented Pitman's Pond, Bermuda 7 Sep into Oct (AD). A Ruddy Turnstone color-banded at Delaware Bay returned 23 Aug to Guadeloupe (AL) to spend its 5th winter on the Petite Terre Nature Reserve. The Braceys had a high count of 36 Red Knots 27 Sep at Green Turtle Cay, Abaco. A record 35 White-rumped Sandpipers were at various locations, Bermuda 18 Sep (AD). A Baird's Sandpiper was on Port Royal G.C., Bermuda 19–20 Sep (AD). A Dunlin was at Daniel's Head, Bermuda 20 Sep (DW). On 9 Sep, Levesque recorded a Buff-breasted Sandpiper at Pointe à Pitre airport, Guadeloupe, and a Ruff was there 29–30 Sep. A Long-billed Dowitcher at Spring Hall, St. Lucy 7 Nov (EM, MF) was good find, as was a Wilson's Phalarope at Golden Grove, also Barbados, 9 Nov (MF).

Hurricane *Wilma* produced a record 30 Laughing Gulls at various locations around Bermuda 4 Nov+ (AD), and a record 5 Franklin's Gulls were among the Laughings at Ferry Pt., Bermuda 4 Nov (PW). On 9 Nov, 2 Franklin's Gulls provided a first record for Barbados (SM, MF), also almost certainly associated with the passage of Hurricane *Wilma*.



This Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Petite Terre Nature Reserve, Guadeloupe 24 November 2005 established a late date for the country.  
Photograph by Anthony Levesque.

A first-year Black-headed Gull was present 13 Nov+ at Bermuda (ph. ESB, AD et al.). Two first-year Herring Gulls at Green Turtle Cay 13 Sep were early (EB). On 6 Nov, 2 Lesser Black-backed Gulls were noted at Chancery Lane Barbados (ph. SM); Yellow-legged Gull was carefully ruled out through extended dialogue with European authorities. On 9 Sep, a Gull-billed Tern was seen at Pointe à Pitre airport, Guadeloupe (AL). A Caspian Tern (Bermuda's 3rd) passed Elbow Beach 27 Oct (PH) and Ferry Pt

31 Oct (PA). Another Caspian, the first for Barbados in 40 years, was present at Foster's Swamp 27 Nov (MF, EM). Counts of Royal Tern (28) and Sandwich Tern (200) were record high in Bermuda following Hurricane *Wilma*. A Roseate Tern at Ferry Pt., Bermuda 29 Oct (AD) was joined by another later, and a record-high 6 Forster's Terns were together in Hamilton Harbour 27 Nov (PW). Over 200 Sandwich Terns were roosting on the pier at Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera 13 Oct, as *Wilma* passed through the n. Bahamas (PB, DC). There were 11 young Least Terns at South Westridge Estates, New Providence 13 Aug (PD, TWh). An imm. Common Tern and a Black Skimmer were at Sandy Pt., Abaco 22 Sep (EB, HP). A Black Tern was in Hamilton Harbour, Bermuda 1 Nov (PW); the only one reported in the Bahamas this fall was at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama 10 Sep (MH, EG). A Bridled Tern was at Charles I. 26 Oct (JM); a Sooty Tern was off Ruth's Pt., also Bermuda 28 Oct (PW); and singles of each were together in Little Sound, Bermuda 7 Nov (TW).

## CUCKOOS THROUGH THRUSHES

The latest date for Yellow-billed Cuckoo at Guadeloupe was established 24 Nov at Petite Terre Nature Reserve (AL). Mangrove Cuckoos are thought to be sedentary in the Bahamas, so Currie's early Oct report from s Eleuthera of a "noticeable movement/presence of Mangrove Cuckoos, many with worn plumage and incomplete tails" is intriguing. A brief but well-documented sighting 16 Nov of a Great Lizard-Cuckoo at The Retreat, Nassau (AH) was the first report in four years from New Providence. Hurricane *Wilma* produced record-high numbers of Chimney Swifts (100+) in Bermuda 4–5 Nov, with numbers diminishing through 14 Nov, when the last sin-



Providing good documentation for the species for Désirade Island, Guadeloupe is this image of a Red-eyed Vireo, taken 22 October 2005. Photograph by Anthony Levesque.

gle was seen. On 8 Nov, a Chimney Swift was present at Graeme Hall Swamp, Barbados for one of the few reports from the Lesser Antilles (SM, MF). A Ringed Kingfisher seen 30 Nov at Petit-Bourg, Guadeloupe (AL) furnished one of the few reports from that location.

A Western Wood-Pewee netted at San Andres I. 20 Oct–2 Nov (BH) represents a first record for the island and perhaps only the 4th from the Region. Single Eastern Wood-Pewees were at Wemyss Bight, Eleuthera 9–10 Oct (PB, DC, KP, EJ) and Guana Cay, Abaco 18 Oct (RP). Up to 3 were at Rock Sound, Eleuthera 18–20 Oct (PB DC). On 25 Oct, an Acadian Flycatcher was banded at Rock Sound, Eleuthera (ph. K.W.T.R.P.). Acadian, Alder, and Least Flycatchers were netted at San Andres 20 Oct–2 Nov, all first records for this location (BH). An Eastern Phoebe was seen 26 Nov near the water tanks e. of the Lucayan Waterway, Grand Bahama (EG). Bracey spotted a Great Crested Flycatcher at Treasure Cay, Abaco 6 Sep. Eastern Kingbirds were noted at St. George's Memorial Park, Grand Bahama 14 Sep (EG), Treasure Cay, Abaco 16 Sep (EB), Great Guana Cay, Abaco 22–23 Sep (2 birds; RP), Pelican Bay, Grand Bahama 8 Oct (EG), and Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera 7–8 Oct (PB, DC). Single Gray Kingbirds at Little Harbour, Abaco 25–26 Nov (AB), Nassau 27 Nov (PD), and Coral Harbour, New Providence 25–30 Nov (CW, FS, TH, TWWh) were rather late, all found on dates of quite typical of "reverse migrants" to the Atlantic coast of North America.

A Blue-headed Vireo, unusual in the Bahamas, was seen at Rock Sound, Eleuthera 10 Nov (DE). A Red-eyed Vireo at Désirade I., Guadeloupe 22 Oct (AL) was a good find. A Yellow-throated Vireo was banded at San Andres in mid-Oct (BH). At Guadeloupe, 1730 Caribbean Martins roosted in Pointe à Pitre town center 25 Aug (AL). A late Northern

Rough-winged Swallow was at East End Dairy, Bermuda 29 Nov (AD). Two well-photographed Cliff Swallows with a flock of Rough-wingeds 12 Nov at Carmichael Rd., New Providence provided the first confirmed record for the Bahamas (PD, ph. LL, LH, KHL). In an hour of counting swallows at Pointe des Chateaux, Guadeloupe, Levesque identified 342 Barn Swallows, 6 Cliff Swallows, and 6 Caribbean Martins 4 Sep.

Always rare in Bermuda, 3 Winter Wrens were discovered following Wilma: at St. Georges G.C. 26–28 Oct (PW); Port Royal G.C. 28 Oct (AD); and Ferry Pt. 4 Nov (PW). A Northern Wheatear on St. Georges G.C., Bermuda 27–28 Aug (PW) was an exceptional find, found some three weeks in advance of the earliest record; another was on Horn Rock, Bermuda 24 Oct (JM). A Wood Thrush was at The Retreat, Nassau 1 Nov (CW, RW). Seven Swainson's Thrushes were banded at Rock Sound, Eleuthera 21 Oct–28 Nov (K.W.T.R.P.), but the thrush of the season was a Bicknell's Thrush banded there 28 Oct, providing the 3rd Bahama record (ph. K.W.T.R.P.). A Swainson's Thrush remained at Désirade I. 21–23 Oct, providing a first



This Lapland Longspur at the base of Longbird Bridge, Bermuda was the only one reported on the island in autumn 2005. Photograph by Edward S. Brinkley.

record for Guadeloupe (AL) and probably only 2nd for Lesser Antilles after one in Barbados (1997).

## WARBLERS THROUGH HOUSE SPARROW

Uncommon warblers noted in this fall's migration through the Bahamas included: a Blue-winged Warbler at s. Eleuthera 2 Oct (DC); single Tennessee Warblers at Waterloo Rd., Nassau 17 Oct (PD), s. Eleuthera 19 Oct (PB), and Rock Sound, Eleuthera 25 & 26 Oct (K.W.T.R.P.); Orange-crowned Warblers at Rock Sound 6 Oct (PB) and Munjack Cay, Abaco 4 Nov (EB); Nashville Warblers at West Caicos 23 Sep (SW), Angelfish Pt., Abaco 26 Sep (EB), Waterloo Rd. 17 & 27 Oct and 13 & 29 Nov (PD), and Munjack Cay 4 Nov (EB); Chestnut-sided Warblers near Treasure Cay, Abaco 8 & 15 Sep (EB), Long

Bay, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Is. 20 Sep (SW), Coral Harbour 25 Sep (TH), Waterloo Rd. 17 Oct (PD), and s. Eleuthera 5 (DC) & 19 Oct (PB); Kentucky Warblers at Waterloo, Nassau 21 Aug (PD), Little Harbour, Abaco 18 Oct (AB), and Rock Sound, Eleuthera 5 Nov (ph. K.W.T.R.P.); and Bay-breasted Warblers at the fruit farm, Abaco 15 Sep (EB), Munjack Cay 4 Nov (EB), and Waterloo Rd. 18 Nov (PD). Nashville, Golden-winged, and Pine Warblers were netted at San Andres 20 Oct–2 Nov, all first records at this location (BH). A female Chestnut-sided Warbler 20 Oct at Petit-Bourg, Guadeloupe (AL) was a very unusual find in the Lesser Antilles. The rarest warbler of the season was a Canada Warbler on s. Eleuthera 3 Oct (PB); another was netted at San Andres 20 Oct–2 Nov (BH). A Cerulean Warbler was extremely late at St. Georges G.C., Bermuda 17 Oct (PW). A Townsend's Warbler found 24 Oct at Scur Hill, Bermuda (AD) continued a recent streak of records of this rarity at Bermuda. A late Kentucky Warbler was at Jenningsland, Bermuda 12 Nov (JM).

On 28 Oct, a Scarlet Tanager was seen at The Retreat, Nassau (CW, EGu). Single Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were found in s. Eleuthera (DC, JW, PB, KP, EJ) and at Waterloo Rd., Nassau 17 Oct (PD). A Clay-colored Sparrow was noted at Ferry Pt., Bermuda 18 Oct (PW). At Abaco, a Clay-colored Sparrow was seen at Regattas 3 Oct (LS, LG), and a Lark Sparrow was at the old fruit farm near Treasure Cay 15 & 20 Sep (ph. EB, BB); a Lincoln's Sparrow was found 9 Nov on the Treasure Cay G.C. (EB). A Vesper Sparrow was along Parson's Rd., Bermuda 3 Nov (DW), and a Lapland Longspur was on the Causeway, Bermuda 13 Nov (AD, ph. ESB et al.). On 12 Nov, a Dickcissel, the 2nd for Barbados, was found at Hannay's, St. Lucy in a flock of Grassland Yellow-Finches (MF, EM). On 7 Oct, a Yellow-headed Blackbird was seen at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama (JMi). A Common Grackle, rare in Bermuda, was seen at Paget Marsh 13 Nov (KL, RL). A Baltimore Oriole was netted at San Andres for a new record there, 20 Oct–2 Nov (BH). Shiny Cowbirds reproduced successfully at Rainbow Farms, New Providence (PD, TWWh). Five House Sparrows were seen 29 Nov at Capesterre Beau/Eau, Guadeloupe (AL), indicative of further expansion through the Lesser Antilles.

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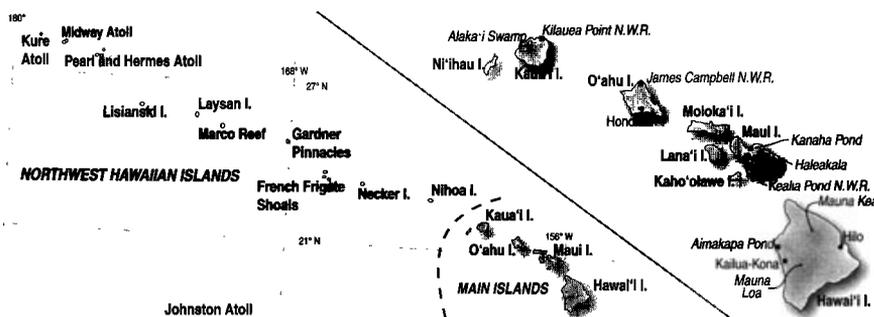
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## Hawaiian Islands



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**A**utumn 2005 was an excellent season for unusual shorebirds, with one new species recorded for the Region. By contrast, numbers of migrant waterfowl were unimpressive, with only a few rare species noted. Because northeasterly trade winds prevail in the Region, most harbors are on the protected southwestern coasts of the islands, and it can be difficult for observers to get out into the windward waters. Recent pelagic trips northeast of the islands, however, suggest that the rough windward waters may be more productive for some species.

**Abbreviations:** H. (Hawai'i I.); HRBP (Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photograph; used with image catalog number from the HRBP file at Bishop Museum, Honolulu); Hakalau (Hakalau N.W.R., Hawai'i I.); Hanalei (Hanalei N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); Honouliuli (Honouliuli Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); K. (Kaua'i I.); Kanaha (Kanaha Pond, Maui I.); Kealia (Kealia Pond N.W.R., Maui I.); Kii (Ki'i Unit of James Campbell N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Kokee (Koke'e S.P., Kaua'i I.); K.P. (Kilauea Pt. N.W.R., Kaua'i I.); M. (Maui I.); Midway (Midway Atoll N.W.R.); O. (O'ahu I.); Ohiapilo ('Ohi'apilo Pond, Moloka'i I.); Pouhala (Pouhala Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, O'ahu I.); Waiawa (Waiawa Unit of Pearl Harbor N.W.R., O'ahu I.); Waikamoi (Waikamoi Preserve, Maui I.).

### WATERFOWL THROUGH IBISES

Single Cackling Geese, both present since fall 2004, remained Nov+ at Honouliuli (PD, AN, MS) and K.P. (BZ, DL). The Cackling at K.P. was captured and appears to be a female of the *minima* subspecies. An imm. Greater White-fronted Goose joined the Cackling at Honouliuli 12 Oct+ (AN, MS, PD). Ten Canada Geese and a Greater White-fronted Goose, of questionable provenance, have been at Wailoa S.P., H. for years. They were joined by 2 small Cackling Geese Nov+ (DL). A Brant



This apparent Stejneger's Petrel was turned into the seabird rehabilitation facility at Sea Life Park on O'ahu in early (here 7) October 2005. It was found to be healthy, photographed, and released. *Photograph by Sea Life Park staff.*

was observed at Kii 21 Nov+ (MS, KP).

A Gadwall was observed regularly at Ohiapilo 3 Nov+ (ADY); the species is rare in the Region. A Eurasian Wigeon was seen at Honouliuli 14 & 18 Oct (PD) and 2 on 29 Oct (PD); one was at Ohiapilo 9 Nov (ADY). American Wigeons were present in good numbers, with peak counts of 7 at Ohiapilo 3 Nov (ADY), 21 at Kii 17 Nov (KP), and 18 at

Honouliuli 29 Nov (PD). Northern Pintal numbers were rather low, with a peak count of 47 at Kii 24 Nov (KP). Northern Shoveler numbers were low in most places, but 245 were counted at Kealia 3 Nov (MN). A small flock of bay ducks in Kahuku, O. 29 Oct+ (TD, m.ob.) included 3 Canvasbacks and a Redhead. Canvasbacks are uncommon in the Region, while Redheads are rare (the database at Bishop Museum shows just 16 prior Regional records). A female or imm. male Hooded Merganser was seen at Kii 17 Nov (KP) and 19 Nov (RM).

Observers submitted only three reports of Hawaiian Petrels (Endangered), one between Kaua'i I and Ni'ihau I. 26 Aug (DK), 3 e. of O'ahu I. 20 Sep (CM, HS), and 2 e. of Kaua'i I. 25 Sep (HS). Various gadfly petrels are believed to be regular migrants through Hawaiian waters, but we normally receive few reports, and some of these are of undetermined species. We had an unusually high number of reports of Black-winged Petrels this season one was photographed se. of Kaua'i 19 Oct (RB, GS); 2 were well e. of Kaua'i 25 Sep,



This Black-winged Petrel off Kaua'i, on 19 October 2005 clearly shows the diagnostic underwing pattern that gives the species its name. *Photograph by Greg Schorr.*

along with 6 similar birds that were probably also Black-wingeds (HS); one, possibly 2, were observed e. of Kaua'i 25 Oct (RB); 3 probables were seen sw. of Kaua'i 27 Oct (RB, DK, HS); one was picked up in w. Maui 25 Oct (FD) and released in good shape; an in-