

West Indies & Bermuda



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Global warming is expected to hasten spring migration, and the ever-earlier arrival dates of Gray Kingbird and Black-whiskered Vireo in the Bahamas support that prediction. The number of new latest departure dates from Guadeloupe appears to conflict with the prediction but may be ascribed to more thorough coverage and reporting. Spring is a nesting season in our Region, and there are reports of early nesting by Pied-billed Grebes and Ospreys and of ground-nesting by Bahama Mockingbirds. Venezuelan ornithologists surveyed a huge tern colony on Aves Island this season. A severe late-winter storm moving up the Eastern Seaboard of the United States in mid-April brought record numbers of Eastern Kingbirds and Summer and Scarlet Tanagers to Bermuda. The Bahamas also had an unusually large number of Scarlet Tanagers. Seawatches at Guadeloupe provided most of the seabird records for the Region, and large numbers of moorhens, coots, and swallows were found on that island.

Rarities for the season included Ross's Goose (Bahamas), Garganey (Guadeloupe and Bermuda), Gray Heron (Bermuda), Little Egret (Martinique and Antigua), White Stork (Martinique; older record), Great Black-backed Gull (Nevis), Short-eared Owl (Bahamas), White-collared Swift (Guadeloupe), and Orchard Oriole (Bahamas). Birding tours of Dominican Republic and the Lesser Antilles enabled participants to see the endangered endemics of those islands; only a few highlights are listed here. We are still looking for res-

ident reporters from both the Greater and Lesser Antilles (except for Guadeloupe).

GEESE THROUGH FALCONS

The Canada Goose at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama was last reported 3 Mar (BP). An imm. Canada Goose was seen at Spittal Pond and Princess Pond, Bermuda 5-15 Apr (DBW, AD), while another flew over Spittal Pond 16 May (KR). The Ross's Goose that wintered at Reef G.C. was last seen 17 Mar (EG). Some 102 West Indian Whistling-Ducks were at Bethesda Dam, Antigua 29 Apr (JP, AO); only 8 were at McKinnon Salt Pond, Antigua 17-18 Apr (JVG et al.). In the Bahamas, 2 ads. with 3 young were at Tarpon Pond, Andros 6 May (CW, ALA), and another pair flew over Georgetown Harbour, Great Exuma 15 May (LK). A male Mallard at Fortune Bay, Grand Bahama 5 May (BP) was unusual. An American Wigeon was on Port Royal G.C., Bermuda 14 Mar (IF, PW). A White-cheeked Pintail was found at Reef G.C. 12 May+ (EG, ph. NB, m.ob.). Surprisingly, this is the first report of this species from Grand Bahama. Two male Garganeys were at Gaschet Res., Guadeloupe 8 Mar (JF). A male at Jubilee Rd. 19-23 Apr (DW) and a female at Spittal Pond 7-26 May (EA, DBW) provided Bermuda's 3rd and 4th records of Garganey. A pair of Green-winged Teal was at Gaschet Res. 9 Mar (AL), and a Eurasian Teal was at Jubilee Rd., Bermuda 20

Mar (IF, PW). A Lesser Scaup and a Ring-necked Duck at Gaschet Res. 4 May were the latest ever seen on Guadeloupe (FD). A Red-breasted Merganser was in Great Sound, Bermuda 24 Apr (AD). At Gaschet Res., there were counts of 16 Masked Ducks 9 Mar (FD) and 86 Ruddy Ducks 26 Mar (AL). A Pied-billed Grebe with young at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama 3 Mar was indicative of early nesting (BP). FD found 109 Pied-billed Grebes at Gaschet Res. 16 Apr.

Seawatches from Guadeloupe continue to provide the majority of seabird sightings for the Region, but a watch from Bermuda also had interesting sightings (Table 1). Seventeen Sooty Shearwaters passing Cooper's Pt., Bermuda 17 Mar (IF) were the earliest ever recorded by at least three weeks. Manx Shearwater passage peaked on the same day at 2 birds per minute. Poor weather hampered seabirding from fishing boats off Abaco; nevertheless, on 4 May EB saw a Black-capped Petrel, 3 Cory's Shearwaters, 4 Greater Shearwaters, and a Sooty Shearwater e. of Abaco. On 17 May up to 16 km e. of Tilloo Cay, EB and TW found small flocks totaling about 50 Audubon's Shearwaters that also contained 4 Cory's Shearwaters and a Black-capped Petrel, while the next day, TW saw a lone Wilson's Storm-Petrel off Elbow Cay. Approximately 25 White-tailed Tropicbirds were seen around Castle Rock, Acklins I., Bahamas 6-8 May; the

Location	Cooper's Pt., Bermuda	Pointe des Châteaux, Guadeloupe	Petite-Terre N.R., Guadeloupe	Petite-Terre N.R., Guadeloupe
Date(s)	23 Mar	19, 20, 27 May	Month of April	Month of May
Duration	2 hrs	9 hrs	13:45 hrs	9:45 hrs
Observer(s)	IF, PW	AM, TB, FD, AL	AL	AL
Bermuda Petrel	14			
Cory's Shearwater		5	1	28
Greater Shearwater		2		5
Sooty Shearwater		2		
Manx Shearwater	72		132	1
Audubon's Shearwater		11	7	17
large shearwater				2
small shearwater			5	20
Leach's Storm-Petrel	3		7	5
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	3		5	8
unidentified storm-petrel		10	188	33
Brown Booby			1	
unidentified sulid				1
Great Skua		3		
South Polar Skua		1		
Pomarine Jaeger		1	8	
Parasitic Jaeger	2	2	23	1
Long-tailed Jaeger	2	1		
unidentified jaeger			16	8



This Garganey was present at Jubilee Road, Bermuda 19 (here) through 23 April 2007, the third record for Bermuda. A female was Garganey was also present 7-26 May 2007. Photograph by Andrew Dobson.

same number was seen at Rum Cay and 10+ off Conception I., both 18 May (all GS). A Masked Booby at Désirade I., Guadeloupe 9 Apr was a rare sighting there (AM). Two pairs of Anhingas nested at Twin Lakes, Paradise I. this spring (fide PD). A Magnificent Frigatebird was seen at Challenger Banks off Bermuda 24 Apr (CB).

An American Bittern moved between Non-such I. and Cooper's Pt., Bermuda 1-23 Mar (JM). Single Least Bitterns were at Fort de France's Baie Mangrove, Martinique 18 Mar (GL), Firefly N.R., Bermuda 4 Apr (DBW), and Cloverdale, Bermuda 24 Apr (EA), and 3 were at Port Louis, Guadeloupe 17 Apr (AL). A Great Blue Heron with 3 imm. on Gibbett's I. 16 May strongly suggested successful nesting in Bermuda (DBW). Bermuda's long-staying Gray Heron was present through 31 May and later (AD). A Little Egret was at Salines, Sainte Anne, Martinique 17 Mar (GL); another in breeding plumage (and with bright yellow lores) was at MacKinnon Salt Pond, Antigua 18 Apr (JVG et al.). Black-crowned Night-Herons were found in Bermuda at Spittal Pond 5 Apr (DBW) and Pilchard Bay 15 Apr (DW). A Glossy Ibis was on the Mid-Ocean G.C., Bermuda 14 Mar-4 May (AD) and another at Ely's Harbour 24 Apr (CB).

Two ad. Ospreys with a young bird in the nest 3 Mar at Madeira Rd., Eleuthera, Bahamas (PD) show how early the resident birds nest. Eight Ospreys were at Port Louis Swamp, Guadeloupe 15 Mar (FD). In the Bahamas, a Swallow-tailed Kite was seen at Rock Sound, Eleuthera 1 Mar (RB, JDW, SL), and one was at the Retreat, Nassau 13 Apr (CW). A Northern Harrier was at the Fruit Farm, Abaco 14 Apr (EB) and a Sharp-shinned Hawk at Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama 4 Mar (BP). On 5 Mar, a pair of endangered Ridgway's Hawks was nesting on the e. side of Los Haitises N.P., Dominican Republic (KW, BHA, EB, TW). In Bermuda, 2 Red-tailed Hawks were present through the season and had again

built a nest on Morgan's Pt. but ceased to visit it (DBW). On Guadeloupe, single Peregrine Falcons were reported at Saline du Gosier 28 Mar, Port Louis 12 Apr (both AL), and Pointe des Châteaux 26 Apr (FD).

RAILS THROUGH HUMMINGBIRDS

A Virginia Rail was last seen at South Pond, Bermuda 4 May (AD). There were high counts of 1250 Common Moorhens 13 May (AL) and 29 Caribbean Coots 16 Apr (FD) at Gaschet Res., Guadeloupe; 3 Purple Gallinules were there 26 Mar, and an imm. was at Pelletant, Port Louis 5 Apr (both AL). PD found 14 Piping Plovers on Girls Bank, Harbour I., Eleuthera 1 Mar and 8 Whimbrels at Spanish Wells the same day. A Black-necked Stilt was at Spittal Pond, Bermuda 1 May+ (KR); on 19 May, 4 stilts were at Pointe des Châteaux (AMZ) and 2 at Gaschet Res. (FD). An American Avocet at Harrold & Wilson Ponds N.P., New Providence I., Bahamas 14 Mar was in alternate plumage (PD). Shorebirds at Las Salinas, Dominican Republic 12 Mar included 9 Snowy and 4 Semipalmated Plovers, 13 Black-necked Stilts, 12 Stilt Sandpipers, and 54 Least and 33 Semipalmated Sandpipers (KW et al.). JP and SP found 2 color-banded Snowy Plovers, 3 banded Piping Plovers, 16 Wilson Plovers, 14 Semipalmated Plovers, 2 Marbled Godwits, and 4 Wilson's Phalaropes at MacKinnon Salt Pond, Antigua 22 Apr. A Willet was at Pointe des Châteaux 30 May (FD). A Eurasian Whimbrel discovered by IF at Stocks Harbour, Bermuda 17-20 Mar was the first since 1995 (ph. AD), and a *hudsonicus* Whimbrel at Petite-Terre N.R. 26 May set a new late date for Guadeloupe (AL). A Red Knot was on Cobblers I., Bermuda 16 May (DBW). Three basic-plumaged Western Sandpipers were at Crossing Rocks, Abaco 19 May (TW, EB, ML, MM, HP). A Pectoral Sandpiper at Pelletant, Port Louis 5 Apr established the first spring record for Guadeloupe (AL). Two Stilt Sandpipers at Pointe des Châteaux 30 May set the new late date for Guadeloupe (FD).

Single Parasitic and Long-tailed Jaegers were seen off Cooper's Pt., Bermuda 22 Mar (IF), the first of the few jaegers reported this spring. On 17 May AM, OT, and others found

a Great Skua between Désirade I. and Pointe des Châteaux—apparently the southernmost record of this species in the w. North Atlantic. A first-winter Great Black-backed Gull seen at Oualie Bay, Nevis 11-20 Mar was possibly the first for the island (ph. MML, JY, MB). Lesser Black-backed Gulls in the Region included 5 at Rivière Sâlée 1 Mar (AL), 8 at Bahama Bay, Bimini 11 Apr (PD), and a first-cycle bird at McKinnon Salt Pond, Antigua 18 Apr (JVG et al.). At least 24 Bonaparte's Gulls were in the Great Sound area of Bermuda 9 Mar (PW), and one bird remained at Mid-Ocean G.C. through 3 May (DBW). Fourteen Sandwich Terns were observed at Bahama Bay, Bimini 11 Apr (PD) and 2 at Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe 19 (TB) & 28 May (FD). JP and SP found over 400 Least Terns at McKinnon Salt Pond 22 Apr. Almost 200 Least Terns with at least 65 nests were at Petite-Terre N.R. 28 May (AL). A Common Tern was noted 23 Mar on the coast at Spittal Pond, Bermuda (PW, IF), and 5 were at Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe 27 May (FD, AL). A Black Tern in Hamilton Harbour 21 Apr (WF, DW) furnished the first spring record in Bermuda. A Black Skimmer was at Brown's Pt., New Providence 2 May (ph. PD)

On 9 Mar, EB found a flock of Plain Pi-



A Common Greenshank (center) moved between several Barbados locations since its discovery on 4 February 2007 (here, East Point, 9 April)—remarkably the sixth record from Barbados. Photograph by Edward B. Massiah.

geons near Puerto Escondido, Dominican Republic. On Guadeloupe, 10 White-winged Doves were at Moule 5 May, 4 at Petite-Terre N.R. 21 May, and up to 12 at Pointe des Châteaux 23-28 May (AMZ, AL). A critically endangered Grenada Dove was seen and 2 others heard at Mt. Hartman, Grenada 7 Apr (JVG et al.). This refuge, the species' last stronghold, is in danger of being sold to developers. Parrot searches 12-13 Apr at Syndicate Estates, Dominica yielded 50+ Red-necked Parrots and only one or 2 critically endangered Imperial Parrots (JVG et al.). A Yellow-billed Cuckoo was seen at Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama 13 May (GK). Five Barn Owls were observed on a tower at the

entrance to Coral Harbour, New Providence 18 May (CW). Two reports of Ashy-faced Owl were received. A pair of owls nesting near Sabana de la Mar, Dominican Republic was seen poorly and heard well 4 Mar (KW et al.); they were tentatively identified as Barn Owls based on their vocalizations, though Barn Owl is not known here. Two *Tyto* owls seen in silhouette and heard at Mt. Hartman, Grenada 7 Apr (JVG et al.) were identified as Ashy-faced Owls, probably correctly, though the American Ornithologists' Union considers these birds to be Barn Owls. Further study is needed of *Tyto* owls throughout the Region. A Short-eared Owl on Highborne Cay, Exumas 28-30 Mar constitutes the 2nd record in the Bahamas (JT, ph. NSR). There is also a record from Turks & Caicos. Arrival dates for Antillean Nighthawk in the Bahamas were 13 Apr at Rock Sound, Eleuthera (JW, JDW, RB) and 24 Apr at Sandyport, New Providence (JBU); 3 were at Belle-Plaine Abymes, Guadeloupe 20 May (FD). Guadeloupe's first White-collared Swift was reported at Pointe des Châteaux 17 May (JF). A Chimney Swift was at East End Dairy, Bermuda 16 Apr (PW), with others observed through May. On 7 Apr, a Rufous-breasted Hermit was at Grand Etang N.P., Grenada, where the species had been missed during tours since Hurricane Ivan in 2004 (JVG et al.).

FLYCATCHERS THROUGH MANNIKINS

A wintering Eastern Phoebe was last seen at Wreck Hill, Bermuda 8 Mar (WF). A pair of Lesser Antillean (St. Lucia) Pewees at Union Forest Reserve 10 Apr was at a lower altitude than expected (JVG et al.). Single Lesser Antillean Flycatchers were at Petit-Bourg and Capesterre Belle-Eau 11 Apr (AL), and a Fork-tailed Flycatcher, the 4th for Guadeloupe, was at Désirade I. 9 Apr (AM). A Western Kingbird was at Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama 4 Mar (BP). The first of an influx of about 11 Eastern Kingbirds was reported 14 Apr at Jubilee Rd., Bermuda. A record spring flock was at Bermuda Airport, with 8 or 9 on 20 Apr on the perimeter fence (GA, AD, DBW). Three Eastern Kingbirds were at Reef G.C., Grand Bahama 7 Apr (GK), one at the Fruit Farm, Abaco 11 Apr (EB), and one near Lucaya N.P., Grand Bahama 17 Apr (BP). Gray Kingbirds were first seen in the Bahamas at Andros 5 Apr (CW), Grand Bahama 7 Apr (BP), Rock Sound, Eleuthera 11 Apr (JW, JDW, RB), and Rainbow Farms, New Providence 17 Apr (PD, TH).

Large numbers of Caribbean Martins were found at Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe this spring; counts between 456 and 620 were made 10 & 25 Mar, 5, 17, & 25 Apr, and 7, 15,

& 25 May (all AL). Single male Cuban or Purple Martins were seen there on 10 & 25 Mar (AL). The presence of 3 Bahama Swallows on the s. shore near the mouth of Adelaide Creek 5 May (CW) suggests that the species still breeds on New Providence. A Tree Swallow was at The Causeway, Bermuda 4 Mar (AD, JEM). CW, PM, and SH found 12+ Cave Swallows at Nine Tasks L. and the same number at Twin L., South Andros, Bahamas 22-23 May. Four hundred Barn Swallows were at Port Louis Swamp, Guadeloupe 2 Mar, but one at Pointe-à-Pitre 15 May set a new late date (all AL). A Ruby-crowned Kinglet at St. George's Park, Grand Bahama 3-5 Mar was a rare find (BP et al.), and one at Wreck Rd., Bermuda remained until 9 Mar (WF). A Hermit Thrush was in the Arboretum, Bermuda 15 Mar (IF), and a Swainson's Thrush was on Gwelly Lane, Bermuda 15 May (WF). AL found a Bare-eyed Robin at Port Louis, Guadeloupe 17 Apr. Three La Selle Thrushes and a Western Chat-Tanager were seen at dawn along the Dominican/Haitian border above Zapotan, Sierra del Baoruco N.P. 8 Mar (KW et al.).

A Northern Mockingbird was in Hamilton, Bermuda 19 Apr (GP), and another was at Hungry Bay 21 Apr (DG). On 13 Apr, at Alcorine Cay, Middle Bight, Andros, SB found three pairs of Bahama Mockingbirds nesting on the ground inside recently burnt bushes that were sending up new shoots. A Pearly-eyed Thrasher was seen at the Retreat, Nassau 25-31 Mar (CW). Two critically endangered White-breasted Thrashers were well seen at Presqu'île de la Caravelle, Martinique 15 Apr (JVG et al.). A White-eyed Vireo was at Garden of the Groves, Grand Bahama 28 Apr (EG), and single Blue-headed Vireos were at St. George's Park, Grand Bahama 5 Mar (BP) and the Retreat, Nassau 9 Mar (CW, JB, BPr). A Yellow-throated Vireo was at Southside, Bermuda 22 Mar (IF). First reports of Black-whiskered Vireos in the Bahamas were 30 Mar at the Retreat, Nassau (CW), 31 Mar at Rainbow Farm, New Providence (NL), 6 Apr at Grand Bahama (BP), and 9 Apr at Rock Sound, Eleuthera (JW, JDW, RB). In Cuba, single arriving migrant Black-whiskered Vireos were found at La Guira and Cueva de los Portales 1 Mar and Hacienda Cortina and near Hotel Rancho San Vicente 2 Mar (WS, BH, *fide* JC). On Guadeloupe, Red-eyed Vireos were found at Pointe des Châteaux 26 Apr (FD) and 5 May (AL) and on Désirade I. 17 (AM) & 26 May (AL), the latter a new late date.

An Orange-crowned Warbler was at Hog Bay Park, Bermuda 12-16 Mar (WF). Guadeloupe's 2nd Tennessee Warbler was banded at Pointe des Châteaux 24 Apr (AL). Two Northern Parulas and 2 Black-throated Green War-

blers on Barbuda 19 Apr (JVG et al.) were good finds. A female Cape May Warbler 20 May (BM) at St. Georges G.C., Bermuda was nine days later than the previous late spring record. A Yellow-rumped Warbler was at Désirade I., Guadeloupe 8 May (AL, FD). This past winter and spring, the Kirtland's Warbler Research and Training Project on s. Eleuthera I., Bahamas banded 38 new Kirtland's Warblers and found 18 color-banded individuals, 2 of which had been banded in Michigan last summer (*fide* JDW). A Yellow Palm Warbler was photographed on Great Inagua, Bahamas 20 Mar (TH). Single Palm Warblers were at Petite Terre N.R. 8-10 & 28 May (AL, FD). A Blackburnian Warbler was n. of Forfar Field Station, Andros 6 May (CW, ALA). Recently split St. Lucia Warblers, Barbuda Warblers, and Barbados Bullfinches were found readily on their home islands mid-Apr (JVG et al.). A Prothonotary Warbler was at Hog Bay Park, Bermuda 4 Mar (DW) and another at Baie Mangrove, Martinique 18 Mar (GL). A Swainson's Warbler remained at Wreck Hill, Bermuda until 12 Mar (WF). Two Worm-eating Warblers were at La Guira, Cuba 1 Mar (WS, BH, *fide* JC). In Nassau, a Wilson's Warbler was at the Retreat 28 Mar (NL), and a Nashville Warbler was at Sans Souci 11 Mar (CW, FH).

A record number of spring Summer Tanagers occurred in Bermuda, with 6 individuals 18-21 Apr (AD). The first of a record influx of Scarlet Tanagers in Bermuda was reported 14 Apr on Mid-Ocean G.C. (RC). By the month's end, there had been at least 20 individuals reported, with 7 on 19 Apr (m.ob.). Scarlet Tanagers were also well represented in the Bahamas: 3 at Marsh Harbour, Abaco 16 Apr (DR), one near Port Lucaya, Grand Bahama 18 Apr (BP), 4 males at Chub Cay, Berry Is. 18 Apr (PD), one at St. George's Park, Grand Bahama 19 Apr (BP), singles at the Fruit Farm, Abaco 18 & 21 Apr (EB), and one at Bahama Palm Shores, Grand Bahama 20 Apr (BN). In Guadeloupe, single male Scarlet Tanagers were at Pointe des Châteaux 8 (AL, FD) & 24 May (AR). Two Chipping Sparrows were on Mid-Ocean G.C. 23 Mar (EA), and a White-throated Sparrow was at Hog Bay Park, Bermuda on 4-5 Mar (DW). A Savannah Sparrow was at Windemere, Eleuthera 24-25 Mar (EJ). Cuban Grassquits were reported from Overyounder Cay, Exumas (*fide* CW), where they had probably been released by well-meaning yachtsmen. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks were recorded in above-average numbers throughout Bermuda, with groups of up to 5 birds visiting several bird feeders 20-30 Apr (*fide* AD). Two Blue Grosbeaks were at Cooper's I., Bermuda 24 Apr (EA). An Indigo Bunting at Petite Terre N.R., Guadeloupe 28 May was late (AL, ASA).

On 9 May, BP found 300+ Bobolinks at the poultry farm n. of the Grand Bahama Highway. There could have been hundreds more, as he only flushed the ones near the road. Two Bobolinks were at Pitman's Pond, Bermuda 13-15 May (DBW). Further evidence of Shiny Cowbird's establishment on New Providence I. was the group of 12-15 at Rainbow Farms, Cowpen Rd. 31 Mar (NL), one at Mount Pleasant Village 4 Apr (CW), and 2 at St. Augustine's Monastery 29 Apr (PD, ph. TH). On 13 Apr, 5 critically endangered Montserrat Orioles were present in the Centre Hills along with 4 Forest Thrushes and 3 Brown Tremblers (JVG et al., *vide* MK). There are fewer than five reports of Orchard Oriole from the Bahamas. A mixed flock of 4 Baltimore Orioles and 4 Orchard Orioles (2 first-year males and 2 females) near Shirley Street, Nassau 18-22 May (ph. TH, PD) provided the first documented record for the country. Five Hispaniolan Crossbills were near the upper end of the Alcoa Rd., Sierra del Baoruco N.P., Dominican Republic 9-10 Mar (KW et al.), a typical location. Nutmeg Mannikins were noted on Dominica (JVG et al.).

Addenda: GL reported and photographed a **White Stork** in ne. Martinique near the mouth of Rivière du Lorrain 5 Feb. The first West Indian report of a White Stork was at Antigua 14 Aug 1993 (NG).

Venezuelan ornithologists (RL, DE, and JPa) surveyed Aves I. (15° 40' N, 63°37' W) in Feb and found 12,100 breeding pairs of Sooty Terns and 5500 breeding pairs of Brown Noddies. If they had been able to conduct the survey later in the season, the numbers would have been even higher.

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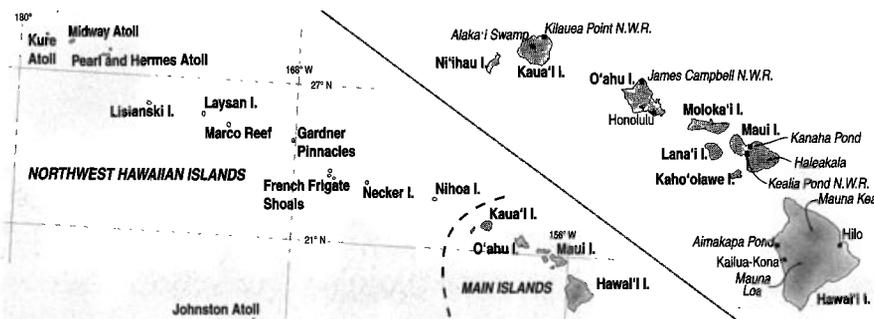
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Hawaiian Islands

WATERFOWL THROUGH PHEASANTS

A Greater White-fronted Goose remained at Kualapu'u Res., Moloka'i I. Mar-9 May (ADY), and one that has been at Waiakea Pond, H. for several years was joined by another 18-20 Apr (DL). A Snow Goose lingered at Kawai'ele, K. Mar-26 Apr (V.E.N.T., EV, RD); another was at Kealia Mar-5 Apr (MN). A Brant was at Hanalei Mar-30 Apr (BZ). Greater White-fronteds are rare in the Region, but Snow Geese are even rarer, while Brant are uncommon. Two imm. Bewick's Swans that had been on Moloka'i I. were last seen mid-Mar at Kualapu'u Res. (ADY). Two Whistling Swans, first seen 30 Jan, lingered at the Kauai Lagoons, K. through at least 8 Mar (S&PS). Both of these subspecies of Tundra Swan are very rare in the Region. A Gadwall that had frequented Waiakea Pond, H. since Jan (m.ob.) remained Apr+. A flock of 4 Garganeys was observed on Laysan I. 15-21 Mar (CM, KP, CT). Both species are rare in the Region. The last reports of diving ducks were 4 Ring-necked Ducks and 14 Lesser Scaup at Kualapu'u Res., Moloka'i I. (ADY).



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Spring can be a very quiet season in the Hawaiian Islands, but this year we received good numbers of observations. A few very rare migrants that lingered into the spring provided some excitement, but there was bad news about the native forest birds on Kaua'i Island. The weather was generally dry, but the one rainy period was disruptive for native waterbirds.

Abbreviations: FFS. (French Frigate Shoals, Hawaiian Islands N.W.R.); H. (Hawai'i I.); HRBP (Hawaii Rare Bird Documentary Photo-

graph; 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.).