

## FIFTEEN NEW BIRD SPECIES IN GUADELOUPE (F.W.I.)

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**Abstract.**—This paper reports the first records in Guadeloupe (F.W.I.) for the following 12 species: Double-Crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*, Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*, Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*, Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*, Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*, Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*, Antillean Nighthawk *Chordeiles gundlachi*, Fork-Tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*, Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*, Bare-Eyed Robin *Turdus nudigenis*, Palm Warbler *Dendroica palmarum*, and Tennessee Warbler *Vermivora peregrina*. We also mention three further species (Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*, Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*, and Yellow-Throated Vireo *Vireo flavifrons*) which have been sight recorded but unconfirmed.

**Key words :** Guadeloupe birds, identification, migrant, Pointe des Châteaux, Petite Terre, natural reserve

THE ISLAND OF GUADELOUPE, a French oversea department, has 60 nesting species but 120 other species have been recorded as migrant or vagrant (Feldmann 1998, Feldmann *et al.* 1999). We carried out surveys on the island for three years (with three previous trips from 1995 to 1997), with a total of 410 days of field work. We focused on two areas where migrant birds find optimal conditions for resting.

Pointe des Châteaux (Saint-François) is an area with sandy beaches and six lagoons from 1 to 15 ha in area. The survey included 102 days of bird-watching in the area.

Petite-Terre (La Désirade) are offshore islands of 148 ha area, with nature reserve status. They have both sandy and rocky beaches, and four lagoons. They were surveyed for 88 days.

Following Feldmann *et al.* (1999), we considered that an observation was confirmed if it met one of the following tests: bird photographed, bird captured, bird observed by two competent birdwatchers, or the song recorded. "AL" and "MEJ" indicate records by the authors.

### NEW CONFIRMED RECORDS FOR GUADELOUPE

**Double-Crested Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax auritus*.—One juvenile seen on 2 February 2000 at Gaschet (Port-Louis) (AL, Simon Ramdine, and Anasthase Ramsahai).

**Arctic Tern** *Sterna paradisaea*.—One immature

sight recorded on 9 May 2001 on Petite-Terre. AL and Alain Saint-Auret. Bird photographed (AL; VIREO: v06/42-005), identified by P. Yésou.

**Black Tern** *Chlidonias niger*.—One bird seen from 29 September to 1 October 2000 at Pointe des Châteaux. AL. Two birds seen 3 December 2000 in Grand Cul de Sac Marin (AL, André Lartiges, and Laurent Malglaive).

**Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris*.—Two adults seen 11 July 1998 in Port-Louis swamp (AL and Erwan Le Cornec), including one bird photographed on 12 July 1998 by Philippe Feldmann. One other adult seen between 21 August and 4 September 1998 at Pointe des Châteaux (AL).

**Piping Plover** *Charadrius melodus*.—One sight recorded on 11 September 1999 at Pointe des Châteaux (AL and Anasthase Ramsahai).

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*.—One adult present from 3 to 7 September 2000 at Pointe des Châteaux. AL and MEJ. Bird photographed and duplicate photos sent to VIREO (V06/38/005 & V06/38/006).

**Antillean Nighthawk** *Chordeiles gundlachi*.—One bird seen and heard on 21 June 2000 in Destrelan (Baie-Mahault) by AL and MEJ. (Levesque 2001), followed by several weeks of records of two birds in the same location.

**Fork-Tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*.—One bird present from 17 to 22 April 2001 at Pointe des

châteaux (AL) and photographed (VIREO: V06/41/006 & V06/41/007).

**Tree Swallow** *Tachycineta bicolor*.—Fourteen (4 adults and 10 juveniles) seen on 5 February 2000 and one adult seen on 22 March 2000 in Port-Louis swamp (AL). Several birds have been photographed (VIREO: V06/38/009).

**Bare-Eyed Robin** *Turdus nudigenis*.—One pair found nesting 12 July 1997 in Petit-Marquisat (Capesterre Belle-Eau) and several nesting pairs present in this area since this first record (Levesque 1997, 1998).

**Palm Warbler** *Dendroica palmarum*.—One bird of the western race, *D. p. palmarum*, present from 26 April to 16 May 2001 on Petite-Terre (AL and Alain Saint-Auret). Bird photographed (VIREO: v06/42-004). This species was recorded at the same place in 1999 (Gilles Leblond), but had not been confirmed (AEVA 2000).

**Tennessee Warbler** *Vermivora peregrina*.—One bird seen 11 May on Petite-Terre (AL and Alain Saint Auret). Bird photographed (VIREO: v06/42-001 & v06/42-002).

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**Manx Shearwater** *Puffinus puffinus*.—One bird seen 3 May 2001, one bird seen 8 May 2001, and three birds seen 25 May 2001 at sea from Petite-Terre (AL).

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*.—Two birds seen 4 August at Pointe des Châteaux (MEJ).

**Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons*.—One bird seen 26 November 1996 in Gosier (AL).

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