

Report Of A Birding Trip To

Guadeloupe & Martinique

from March 16th till March 30th 2006

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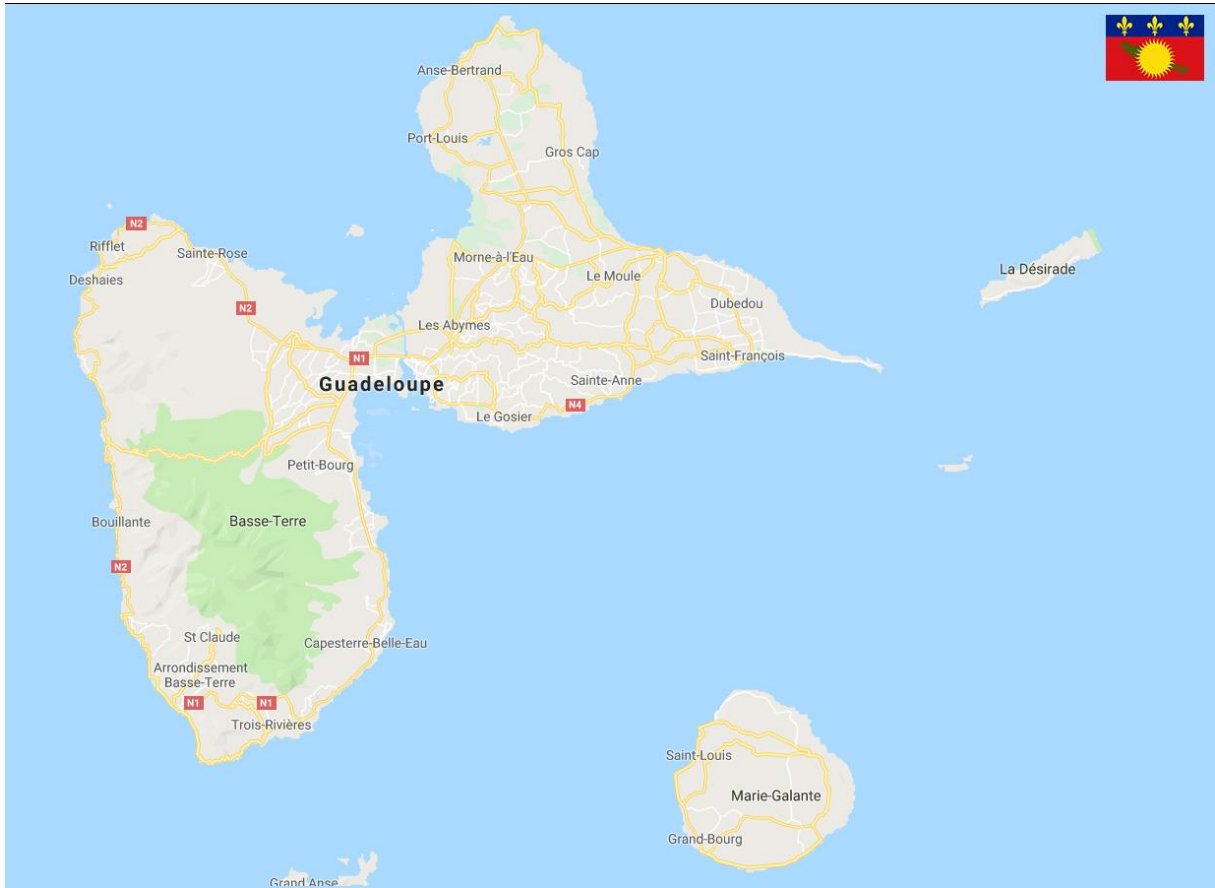
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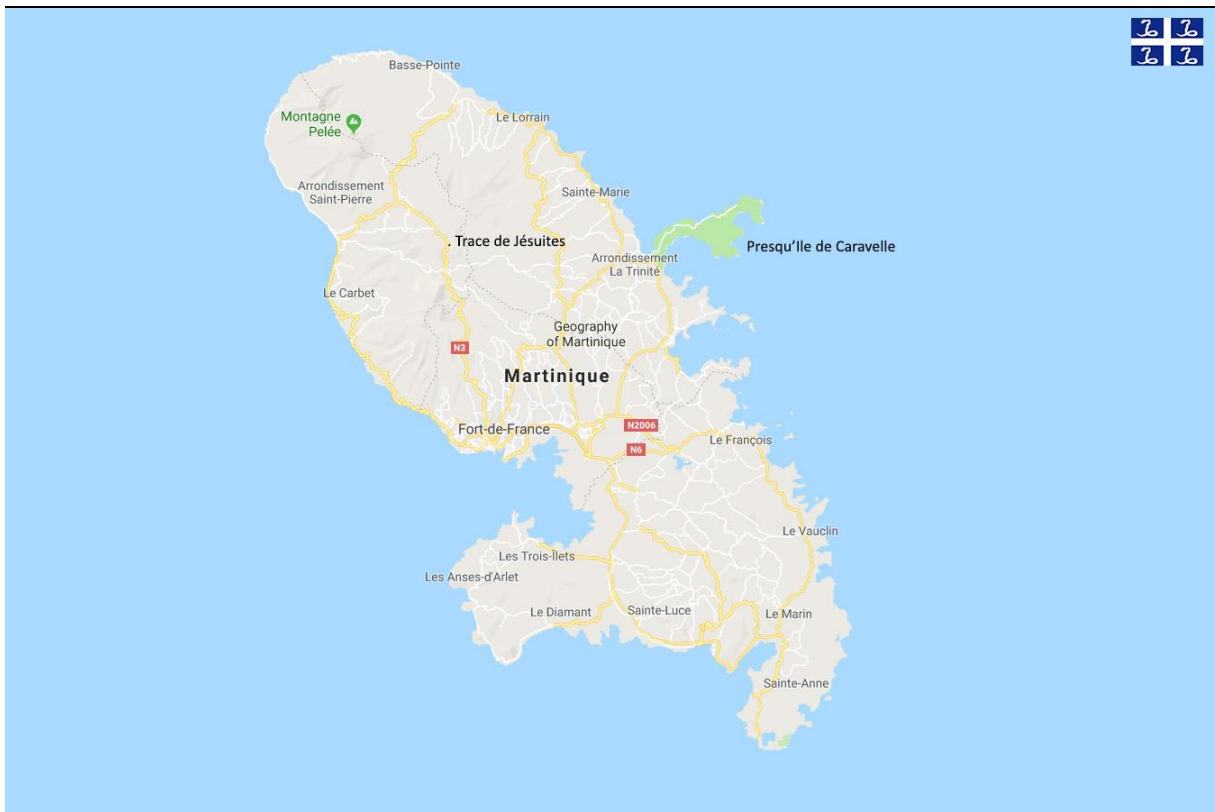
Green-throated Carib - *Eulampis holosericeus* - Le Diamant, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan 2006.



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Guadeloupe



Martinique





Introduction

Between 16 March and 30 March I went to Guadeloupe and Martinique (part of French Antilles) for a holiday. I was there with my girlfriend Marieke Wiringa, our daughter Joop and son Bob. Our main objective was to have a nice pleasant holiday, for me also on the agenda was to see all island endemics plus some photographing. We had a very pleasant holiday with most birds seen after some effort.

Birds

Birding on Guadeloupe and Martinique is rather easy. Birds are everywhere, in the hotel garden, in the nature reserves, in the mountains and along the coast. Both islands hold one single-island endemic. Guadeloupe has the Guadeloupe Woodpecker and Martinique has the Martinique Oriole. The woodpecker is common and easy to find on Guadeloupe, the oriole on Martinique is difficult and requires some preparation and effort, but in the end I managed to see one very well.

Recommended Literature and Trip Reports

For birding I used *Birds of the West Indies* by Herbert Raffaele, James Wiley, Orlando H. Garrido, Allan Keith, Janis Raffaele, Tracy Pedersen and Kristin Williams, published in 1998 (ISBN 0-7136-4905-4) and *Where to Watch Birds - Central America & The Caribbean* by Nigel Wheatly and David Brewer, published in 2001 (ISBN 0-7136-4687-X). For directions we used *Lonely Planet's Eastern Caribbean* by Kevin Anglin et al, third edition published in 2001 (ISBN 186450-3-5-X). Useful trip reports can be found at www.cloudbirders.com.

The Species Accounts

Scientific names and family order (therefore the report starts with the Swifts and Hummingbirds!) of the IOC www.worldbirdnames.org, version 11.2 is followed. Bird names in capitals means endemic for the Caribbean (after Wheatly's and Brewer's "Where to Watch Birds, Central America & the Caribbean").

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Itinerary

- 16 March** Departure from **Amsterdam** at 8:05 hours with flight AF 8229 (Air France). Arrival at **Charles de Gaulle International Airport** at **Paris** at 9:30 hours, the luggage had not arrived, due to a mistake at the check-in in Amsterdam (thanks to KLM). Our plane for **Guadeloupe** was scheduled to depart from **Orly Airport** at 12:00 hours, but we arrived there at 12:00 hours without our luggage. However, the next flight departed at 15:00 hours. We arrived around 19:00 hours at **Guadeloupe**. There a taxi brought us to **Deshaies** where we would stay for a week at **Les Terrasses de la Baie** in a nice bungalow with good forest in the surroundings. On our way we picked our rental car and finally we arrived at around 21:00 hours very tired.
- 17 March** **Deshaies** and surroundings. First birds were Bananaquit and Lesser Antillean Bullfinch. The only Lesser Antillean Swiftlets were seen after a short thunderstorm. Other birds seen today were Magnificent Frigatebird, American Kestrel, Zenaida Dove, Green-throated Carib, Antillean Crested Hummingbird, Guadeloupe Woodpecker, Caribbean Elaenia, Gray Kingbird, Black-whiskered Vireo, Yellow Warbler, Grassquit, Lesser Antillean Saltator and Carib Grackle.
- 18 March** **Deshaies** and surroundings. We visited also **Grand Anses**, a large beach north of **Deshaies**. Almost same birds as yesterday, but with Ruddy Quail-Dove (heard), Ringed Kingfisher, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Purple-throated Carib, Brown Pelican and Brown Boobies.
- 19 March** We toured the northern part of the island, with a short stop at **Plage de Clouny**, where we saw a distant Red billed Tropicbird at sea. Also we checked **Corossol** and **Bras David** (places for the wet forest birds), but this was so crowded we did not even leave our car. In the afternoon at **Deshaies** I tape-lured a Plumbeous Warbler.
- 20 March** The usual routine at **Deshaies**, visiting the beach, some birding around the bungalow. The usual birds were seen, except for the first Mangrove Cuckoo and, very strange, a singing Forest Thrush near the Bungalow - although at that time I didn't realize that (more later).
- 21 March** In the morning I drove to the **Vernou Area** along road D23. First I birded the trails at the Picnic area at **Rivière Corossol**, where I found Brown Trembler, Pearly-eyed Thrasher, Scaly-breasted Thrasher, Plumbeous Woodpecker, Scaly-naped Pigeon, Ruddy Quail-Dove (heard), Guadeloupe Woodpecker and Purple-throated Carib. Next I visited the area north of the D23, as explained in *Where to Watch Birds in Central America & the Caribbean* (page 326), but I did find only some more Brown Tremblers and heard another Ruddy Quail-Dove. I could not find any Bridled Quail-Dove, nor any Lesser Antillean Pewee, Lesser Antillean Flycatcher or Lesser Antillean Euphonia. In the afternoon I saw a Royal Tern in the harbour of **Deshaies** and a Northern Waterthrush in the mangroves at **Grand Anses**. In the evening I heard the Forest Thrush again at **Deshaies**, but I still didn't believe it.
- 22 March** Usual routine around **Deshaies**. In the late afternoon I heard the Forest Thrush again. I quickly ran to patch of forest where I heard it and managed to record its song. During playback it only called back, but it was too dark to see it, although I was certain it was a Forest Thrush!
- 23 March** In the early morning I returned to the forest patch where I heard the Forest Thrush. After some listening I suddenly found this beautiful thrush skulking on the forest floor and I saw all diagnostic field marks! At noon we returned our rental car, took a taxi to the airport and took the 14:40 flight to Martinique (AF 3943). We arrived at 15:15 hours in time, went to Avis to collect our car (VW Polo) and went straight to **Domaine de Sainte Marie** at **Sainte Marie** on the eastern site of **Martinique**. At around 16:30 we arrived at the hotel, which proved to be a resort, with no restaurant and quite boring surroundings, but with a beautiful swimming pool





- (and close to the Presqu'île de la Caravelle). Most notable bird was a Grey Kingbird, feeding in the dark at the parking lot of the hotel!
- 24 March** Some vacation activities and birding from the hotel veranda. Highlights were a Merlin flying past, Bare-eyed Thrush, a heard-only Martinique Oriole, Scaly-breasted Thrasher, Caribbean Elaenia, good sightings of a Mangrove Cuckoo, Purple-throated Carib and Tropical Mockingbird.
- 25 March** In the afternoon we drove north, finding no restaurant open. Usual birds were seen.
- 26 March** In the morning I went to the **Presqu'île de Caravelle**. Just before where the ruins start there is a small path to the left. After a few 100 meters there are information signs telling which birds can be found. At the sign with the Martinique oriole, I managed to find the White-breasted Thrasher. I did not want to tape-lure them, but when I tried to tape-lure Lesser Antillean Flycatcher, a pair of Thrashers responded vigorously and showed itself very well. Others birds seen where Mangrove Warbler (chestnut-headed race), Mangrove Cuckoo, Lesser Antillean Saltator, Bare-eyed Thrush, Scaly-breasted Thrasher, White-breasted Thrasher and Zenaida Dove. I couldn't find any Martinique Orioles, but a French birdwatching family advised me to try the **Trace de Jésuites**, which is also good for wet forest species. They also told me that Antillean Euphonia was most easy in the northern outskirts of **Fort-de-France**. In the afternoon we (Marieke, Joop, Bob and I) had lunch between **Marigot** and **Sainte Marie** and at the restaurant we had good close looks of Purple-throated Carib and saw the only Shiny Cowbird of the holiday.
- 27 March** In the morning the usual activities. In the afternoon we drove into the mountains, but Bob got car-sick. During the stop just west of **Tamarin**, we heard a singing Rufous-throated Solitaire. At **Tartanes** we looked for a restaurant to eat, but everything opened at 9:00 PM and with little children this was not an option. So again we had dinner in our bungalow.
- 28 March** In the early morning I drove into the mountains to hike a part of the trail called **Trace de Jésuites**. During a stop along the route D1, just before the route N3 I had excellent views of a Martinique Oriole, heard Scaly-naped Pigeon and several Rufous-throated Solitaires and Grey Tremblers. Along this very nice trail I saw Blue-headed Hummingbird (at least one at the start), Green-throated Carib, Grey Tremblers (1 seen close), Rufous-throated Solitaires (1 seen beautifully!), Lesser Antillean Flycatcher (heard only), Ruddy Quail-Dove (heard-only) and several Broad-winged Hawks. On my way back I heard another Lesser Antillean Flycatcher, Martinique Oriole and the only Lesser Antillean Pewee (stopping along the road was not possible, around every corner a driver with suicidal tendencies lurks!) and lots of Caribbean Elaenia. Because we had seen enough of **Sainte-Marie**, we drove south to **le Diamant**, took a nice small hotel. From our room we could see the rock called Rocher du Diamant with at least twenty Red-billed Tropicbirds flying around it!
- 29 March** Relaxing day, swimming pool etc. Birds seen where Green-throated Carib, Antillean Crested Hummingbird, Magnificent Frigatebird, Broad-winged Hawk, Zenaida Dove, Eurasian Collared Dove, Bananaquit, Grassquit, Lesser Antillean Saltator, Red-billed Tropicbird (nine at the rock), Cabot's Tern and Western Cattle Egret (flock of 24 flying to evening roost).
- 30 March** Last day. Evening flight to **Paris** at 21:10 hours (AF 657). Plane was full, but flight was quiet.
- 31 March** Arrival at **Orly Airport** in Paris at 11:00 hours. Next we took the shuttle bus to Charles de Gaulle and from there we departed for **Amsterdam** in time at 14:15 hours (A F 1940) and arrived at 15:35 hours. My father picked us up at the airport and brought us home. After a long traffic jam, we arrived at around 18:00 hours in **Alkmaar**.





Guadeloupe Woodpeckers, 17 and 21 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Caribbean Elaenia; right: female Magnificent Frigatebird; both on 18 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; © Jan van der Laan.



Lesser Antillean Bullfinches. Left: male on 30 March 2006 at Le Diamant, Martinique; right: female on 17 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Lesser Antillean Saltator, 18 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; right: Mangrove Cuckoo, 25 March 2006, Sainte-Marie, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.





Tropical Mockingbird, 24 March 2006, Sainte-Marie, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.



Carib Grackles; left: male displaying, 18 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; right: female, 24 March 2006, Sainte-Marie, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: American Yellow Warbler, 18 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; right: Mangrove Warbler, 24 March 2006, Sainte-Marie, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Antillean Crested Hummingbird, 22 March 2006, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; right: Green-throated Carib, 30 March 2006, Le Diamant, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.





White-breasted Thrasher, 26 March 2006, Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.



White-breasted Thrasher, 26 March 2006, Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan.



01. **LESSER ANTILLEAN SWIFT** - *Chaetura martinica*

17 March 2-3 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

02. **PURPLE-THROATED CARIB** - *Eulampis jugularis*

18 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

19 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

21 March c 10 Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe.

22 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

24 March 1 hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique.

25 March 2 hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique.

2 La Philippe (northwest of Sainte-Marie), Martinique.

26 March c 5 Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique.

2 La Philippe (northwest of Sainte-Marie), Martinique.

28 March 3 Trace de Jésuites, Martinique.

03. **GREEN-THROATED CARIB** - *Eulampis holosericeus holosericeus*

17 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

18 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.

28 March c 5 Trace de Jésuites, Martinique.

1 Le Diamant, Martinique.

29 March 2 Le Diamant, Martinique.

30 March 1 Le Diamant, Martinique.

04. **BLUE-HEADED HUMMINGBIRD** - *Riccordia bicolor*

28 March 1 (probably 2 more) along the N3 where the Trace de Jésuites starts

05. **ANTILLEAN CRESTED HUMMINGBIRD** - *Orthorhyncus cristatus exilis*

Seen daily 17-23 March at Deshaies, with maximum number of c 5 each day. At Rivière Corrosol area c 10 seen on 23 March. On Martinique small numbers at Sainte-Marie and Le Diamant (2-3 birds seen daily).

06. **Mangrove Cuckoo** - *Coccyzus minor*

20 March 1 Grande Anse, Guadeloupe.

24 March 1 seen well, at the hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique

07. **Rock Dove** - *Columba livia*

Seen daily on Guadeloupe and Martinique.

08. **Scaly-naped Pigeon** - *Columba squamosa*

21 March 3 (2 seen briefly, 1 heard) Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe.

28 March 1 (heard) along the route D 1, just 3 km before the junction with the N 3, Martinique.

09. **Eurasian Collared-Dove** - *Streptopelia decaocto*

Seen on the west coast of La Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe and the southern coast of Martinique.





10. **Common Ground-Dove** - *Columbina passerina nigrirostris*
 22 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 23 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
11. **Ruddy Quail-Dove** - *Geopila striata martinica*
 18 March 1 (heard only) Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 21 March 2 (heard only) Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe.
 22 March 1 (heard only) Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 28 March 2 (heard only), Trace de Jésuites, Martinique.
12. **Zenaida Dove** - *Zenaida aurita aurita*
 Rather common on Guadeloupe and Martinique, with c 10 birds each day.
13. **Royal Tern** - *Thalasseus maxima maxima*
 19 March 1 Harbour of Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 21 March 1 Harbour of Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
14. **Cabot's Tern** - *Thalasseus acufavidus*
 29 March 1 Feeding at sea, Le Diamant, Martinique.
15. **Red-billed Tropicbird** - *Phaethon aethereus mesonauta*
 19 March 1 flying at sea, Plage de Cluny, Guadeloupe.
 28 March c 20 Rocher du Diamant, Martinique.
 29 March 9 Rocher du Diamant, Martinique.
16. **Magnificent Frigatebird** - *Fregata magnificens*
 Seen daily on Guadeloupe and Martinique with c 25 birds each day.
17. **Brown Booby** - *Sula leucogaster leucogaster*
 Seen each day during seawatching at Deshaies and Grande Anses, Guadeloupe with numbers between c 5-20 birds. On Martinique, c 20 birds were seen at Tartanes.
18. **Green Heron** - *Butorides virescens*
 18 March 1 harbour of Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 20 March 1 (fishing at night) harbour of Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
 23 March 1 feeding in the garbage bins of Restaurant Canons de La Bar, Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
19. **Western Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus ibis ibis*
 A few on Guadeloupe (c 10) and rather common on Martinique (c 20 max each day).
20. **Snowy Egret** - *Egretta thula brewsteri*
 18 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.





21. **Brown Pelican** - *Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis*
Seen daily (c 25 each day) on Guadeloupe in the harbour of Deshaies and at Grande Anse beach and at Tartane, Martinique.
22. **Broad-winged Hawk** - *Buteo platypterus rivieri*
28 March 3 Trace de Jésuites, Martinique 29 March 1 Between Le Diamant and La Cherry, Martinique
23. **Ringed Kingfisher** - *Ceryle torquatus stictipennis*
18 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
24. **GADELOUPE WOODPECKER** - *Melanerpes herminieri*
17 March 2-4 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
18 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
21 March c 6 Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe.
23 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
25. **American Kestrel** - *Falco sparverius brevipennis*
17 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
18 March 2 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
20 March 1 Deshaies, Guadeloupe.
26. **Merlin** - *Falco columbarius*
24 March 1 hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique.
27. **Caribbean Elaenia** - *Elaenia martinica martinica*
Common on Guadeloupe and Martinique, with c 15 birds seen daily. Most common along the route D 1, Martinique.
28. **LESSER ANTILLEAN PEWEE** - *Contopus latirostris brunneicapillus*
28 March 1 (heard singing) along the D 1, c 3 km east of the junction with the D 1.
29. **Grey Kingbird** - *Tyrannus dominicensis vorax*
Rather common on Guadeloupe and Martinique. On Martinique one was seen on two occasions at night (after sunset) feeding insects that were attracted to the lights of the parking place.
30. **LESSER ANTILLEAN FLYCATCHER** - *Myiarchus oberi sclateris*
28 March 1 (heard singing), start of the Trace de Jésuites, Martinique at the route N 3.
1 (heard singing) along the D 1, c 5 km east of the junction with the D 1.
31. **Black-whiskered Vireo** - *Vireo altiloquus altiloquus*
Rather common on Guadeloupe and Martinique, with c 10 birds seen daily.





32. **CARIBBEAN MARTIN** - *Progne dominicensis*
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| 17 March | 2 | Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
| 19 March | c 3 | in the harbour of Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
| 28 March | c 10 | en route between Sainte-Marie and Le Diamant, Martinique. |
33. **Tropical Mockingbird** - *Mimus gilvus antillarum*
- Only seen (1-3 birds daily) on Martinique at the hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, on 24-28 March.
34. **WHITE-BREASTED THRASHER** - *Ramphocinclus brachyurus brachyurus*
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| 26 March | 4 | (seen very well) Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique. |
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35. **SCALY-BREASTED THRASHER** - *Allenia fusca*
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| 21 March | c 25 | (subspecies <i>hypenema</i>) Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe. |
| 24 March | 1 | (subspecies <i>fusca</i>) hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 26 March | c 5 | Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique. |
36. **Pearly-eyed Thrasher** - *Margarops fuscatus densirostris*
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| 21 March | c 5 | Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe. |
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37. **BROWN TREMBLER** - *Cinlocerthia ruficauda tremula*
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| 21 March | c 10 | Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe. |
| | c 5 | North of the D 23 near the Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe (see Where to Watch Birds, Central America & the Caribbean, page 326). |
38. **GREY TREMBLER** - *Cinlocerthia gutturalis gutturalis*
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| 28 March | c 10 | heard singing along the D 1 (Morne du Lorain), Martinique. |
| | c 8 | 1 seen beautifully, rest heard, Trace de Jésuites, Martinique. |
39. **RUFOUS-THROATED SOLITAIRE** - *Myadestes genibarbis genibarbis*
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| 27 March | 1 | heard singing along the D 2 just west of Tamarin, Martinique. |
| 28 March | c 10 | heard singing along the D 1 (Morne du Lorain), Martinique. |
| | c 5 | 1 seen beautifully, rest heard, Trace de Jésuites, Martinique. |
40. **FOREST THRUSH** - *Turdus lherminieri lherminieri*
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| 20 March | 1 | heard singing, Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
| 21 March | 1 | heard singing, Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
| 22 March | 1 | heard singing, Deshaies, Guadeloupe; song tape-recorded, see XC12463 . |
| 23 March | 1 | finally seen, Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
- Location was a-typical, dry coastal forest along a road; however, I got very good views.
41. **Spectacled Thrush** - *Turdus nudigenis nudigenis*
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| 24 March | 1 | hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 26 March | c 5 | Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique. |
| 27 March | 3 | hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 28 March | c 5 | Trace de Jésuites, Martinique. |





42. **MARTINIQUE ORIOLE** - *Icterus bonana*
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| 24 March | 1 | (heard only) hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 28 March | 1 | (male) along the route D 1, just 3 km before the junction with the N 3, Martinique. |
| | 1 | (heard singing) along the D 1, c 10 km east of the junction with the N 3. |
43. **Shiny Cowbird** - *Molothrus bonariensis minumus*
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| 26 March | 1 | (female) La Philippe (northwest of Sainte-Marie), Martinique. |
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44. **Carib Grackle** - *Quiscalus lugubris guadeloupensis*
- Common on Guadeloupe and Martinique, with c 30 birds seen each day.
45. **Northern Waterthrush** - *Parkesia noveboracensis*
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| 21 March | 1 | Mangroves at Grande Anse, Guadeloupe. |
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46. **PLUMBEOUS WARBLER** - *Setophaga plumbea*
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| 18 March | 1 | Deshaies, Guadeloupe; reacted to the tape. Not known they occurred here. |
| 21 March | c 5 | Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe. |
47. **American Yellow Warbler** - *Setophaga aestiva*
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| 18 March | 1 | (photographed) Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
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48. **Mangrove Warbler** - *Setophaga petechia*
- Between 17 and 23 March c 5-10 seen daily at Deshaies, Guadeloupe (red-capped form *melanopecta*).
- 26 March c 5 (red-headed form *ruficapilla*) Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique.
49. **LESSER ANTILLEAN SALTATOR** - *Saltator albicollis*
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| 17 March | 4 | Deshaies, Guadeloupe (subspecies <i>guadeloupensis</i>). |
| 18 March | 2 | Deshaies, Guadeloupe. |
| 21 March | c 5 | Rivière Corrosol parking area, Guadeloupe. |
| 24 March | 3 | hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique (subspecies <i>albicollis</i>). |
| 25 March | 2 | hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 26 March | 4 | Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique. |
| 27 March | 3 | hotel Domaine de Sainte Marie, Sainte-Marie, Martinique. |
| 29 March | 2 | La Cherry (c 5 km west of Le Diamant), Martinique. |
| | 1 | Morne Pavillon, Martinique. |
50. **Bananaquit** - *Coereba flaveola*
- Common on Guadeloupe (subspecies *bartholemica*) and Martinique (subspecies *martinica*).
51. **LESSER ANTILLEAN BULLFINCH** - *Loxigilla noctis*
- Common on Guadeloupe (subspecies *dominicana*) and Martinique (subspecies *noctis*). Fearless birds, always close to humans. On Martinique the male birds lack the chestnut undertail coverts.
52. **Black-faced Grassquit** - *Tiaris bicolour omissa*
- Quite common on Guadeloupe and Martinique. A pair was building a nest at Deshaies, Guadeloupe.





Left: view from Deshaies, right: our house at Deshaies, Guadeloupe, 18 March 2006; © Jan van der Laan 2006.



Left: harbour of Deshaies; right: habitat of Forest Thrush at Deshaies, Guadeloupe, 21 March 2006; © Jan van der Laan 2006.



Left: northern part of Guadeloupe, 23 March 2006; right: our house between 23 and 27 March 2006, Sainte-Marie, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan 2006.



Left: our house at Le Diamant; right: rock with nesting Tropicbirds at Le Diamant, Martinique, 29 March 2006; © Jan van der Laan 2006.





Habitat of White-breasted Thrasher, 26 March 2006, Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan 2006.



More habitat of White-breasted Thrasher, 26 March 2006, Presqu'île de Caravelle, Martinique; © Jan van der Laan 2006.