

Report Of A Birding Trip To

Tobago and Grenada

March 20th - April 3rd 2007

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Grenada Hook-billed Kite - *Chondrohierax uncinatus mirus*
Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan 2007.



Introduction

Between 20 March and 3 April 2007 I went to Tobago (country: Trinidad & Tobago) and Grenada (an independent Lesser Antilles island) 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 - I want to see all Caribbean endemics in the years to come - plus some photographing. We had a very pleasant holiday with most birds seen after some effort.

Itinerary

- 20 March** Departure from Amsterdam at 9:30 hours with flight MP 663 (Martin Air), with a stop at **Zanderij**, Paramaribo, Suriname. We arrived at around 17:30 hours and were picked-up by Mr Stafford, who brought us to our hotel [Ocean Point](#) for the following 8 night at **Hampden Lowlands** (c 10 km east of Crown Point). Dinner at **Ocean Point**.
- 21 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. First birds were Rufous-vented Chachalacas, Blue-grey Tanager and Bananaquit. Furthermore Northern White-fringed Antwren, Barred Antshrike, Southern House Wren, Rufous-browed Motmot, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Eared Dove and Magnificent Frigatebird. Afternoon drive to Caribbean coast. Dinner at **Ocean Point**.
- 22 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. Some birding behind hotel with Hudsonian Whimbrel, Spotted Sandpiper, Barred Antshrike, Northern White-fringed Antwren. Afternoon swim at Pigeon Point where lots of Laughing Gulls, Royal Tern, Magnificent Frigatebird, Pale-vented Pigeon, White-tipped Dove, Black-throated Mango and Brown-crested Flycatcher. Made our own dinner in our apartment at **Ocean Point**.
- 23 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. Checked some hotels for our final night in Tobago. Dinner at Dillon's Seafood Restaurant in **Crown Point**, a very nice fish restaurant.
- 24 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. Made a reservation in the Hilton Hotel for our final night on Tobago on 2-3 April. Dinner at Bamboo Mile, a very nice restaurant along Main Road at **Bon Accord**.
- 25 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. Afternoon in **Buccoo Marsh** (or what is left of it), with Green Heron, Cocoi Heron(!), Cocoa Woodcreeper, Blue-winged Teal, Wattled Jacana and at the beach Cayenne Tern, Royal Tern, Southern Lapwing, Great Egret, Semipalmated Plover, Sanderling, Turnstone and Brown Pelican. Dinner at **Coco Café restaurant** (the hotel has ridiculous rates, 500 USD for a room, but the restaurant is quite cheap).
- 26 March** **Crown Point, Bon Accord, Canaan** and surroundings. In the morning we took the glass bottom boat at **Pigeon Point**, to **Nylon Pool** with snorkelling and some swimming. Dinner at **Pelican Reef** restaurant (bad service, mediocre food).
- 27 March** This morning I did guided tour with Natty Owen at the **Gilpin Trace** He is a very good birder, knows all sounds and is a good companion. Birds seen along the trail and on our way to the trail were Orange-winged Parrot, Eared Dove, White-tipped Dove, Smooth-billed Ani, Short-tailed Swift, Rufous-breasted Hermit, White-tailed Sabrewing, Black-throated Mango, Copper-rumped Hummingbird, Collared Trogon (heard-only), Red-crowned Woodpecker, Golden-Olive Woodpecker, Stripe-breasted Spinetail, Grey-throated Leaf-tosser, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Cocoa Woodcreeper, Barred Antshrike, Blue-backed Manikin, Fuscous Flycatcher, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Grey Kingbird, Caribbean Martin, Rufous-breasted Wren (heard-only), Tropical Mockingbird, Yellow-legged Thrush, Bare-





eyed Thrush, White-necked Thrush, Scrub Greenlet, Northern Waterthrush, Bananaquit, White-lined Tanager, Blue-grey Tanager, Palm Tanager, Blue-black Grassquit, Black-faced Grassquit, Carib Grackle and Giant Cowbird. In the afternoon we went to **Arnos Vale** where we watched hummingbirds at the veranda of a house. Entrance is signed as Nature Trail. Good close sightings of Ruby Topaz, White-necked Jacobin, Black-throated Mango, Trinidad Motmot and White-lined Tanager. Again we had dinner at **Coco Café Restaurant** (Joop's choice).

28 March All day around **Ocean Point**. In the evening we took flight LI 787 (scheduled for 18:10 hours and arrival at 18:40 hours) from Tobago to **Grenada**. While waiting for the plane we saw a White-tailed Nightjar hawking above the trees next to the runway. Arrived an hour late at 20:30 hours at **Saint George's International Airport**. There we were picked-up by Dave Kennedy who brought us to Epping Forest near **St Paul** (east of Saint George's). Dave and his wife Jackie are the owners of the wonderful guesthouse [Epping Forest Plantation Home](#). Evening meal with Dave and Jackie and eventually a good night sleep.

29 March In the morning our rental vehicle, a Suzuki SUV Grand Vitara) was delivered from [Sanvics](#) for the reasonable price of US \$ 310 for 4 days. First birds were Bananaquit (black form), Lesser Antillean Bullfinch, Grenada Flycatcher, Antillean Crested Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, and Eared Dove. In the afternoon we drove first eastwards, then along the south coast road westwards, paid a short visit to the **Dove Sanctuary** at **Mount Hartman Estate** (with 4-5 Grenada Doves calling and a soaring Hook-billed Kite), got lost in **Saint George's**, found our hotel by accident and had dinner at the restaurant of **La Sagesse Nature Centre**.

30 March In the morning I visited a doctor for my painful ear. After that we did some swimming and sunbathing at **Epping Forest**, saw my first Lesser Antillean Tanager and Grenada House Wren and in the afternoon we went to **La Sagesse Nature Centre** again for swimming and dinner.

31 March We did some driving to **Saint George's** and the **Grand Etang**. At the visitor centre we saw two Mona Monkeys (*Cercopithecus mona*), a quite large Holboel and introduced from Western Africa. Also there at least four Lesser Antillean Tanagers. At the lake I heard a Cocoa Thrush singing. In the evening we went to **Bel Air Plantation** for dinner (which was quite cheap!).

1 April Usual daily routine. In the afternoon I went again to the **Mount Hartman Dove Sanctuary**. After hearing about five birds, I flushed another two. Again there was a female Hook-billed Kite, but now I had good views. Till sunset we swam at the **Grand Anse beach** and had dinner on the beach at **Coconut's Beach restaurant**. A Royal Tern was 5 meters above me when I was swimming.

2 April Last morning at Grenada. We departed on time at 14:00 hours with flight LI 756 from Grenada to **Tobago**. Night at the **Hilton Hotel** (100 USD for a room). Brown Pelicans and Frigatebirds above the swimming pool.

3 April Last day. Swimming in swimming pool, siesta, final shopping etc. Evening flight to Amsterdam at 18:30 hours (MP 663). Departed at 19:00 hours. Flight was nice and quiet.

4 April Arrival at 9:35 at **Schiphol**, Amsterdam. We arrived at around 11:00 hours in **Alkmaar**.





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Birding

Birding both on Tobago and Grenada is rather easy. Birds are everywhere, in the hotel garden, in the nature reserves, in the mountains and along the coast. Tobago does not have one single-island endemic, but has the endangered White-tailed Sabrewing. Grenada has the Grenada Dove (critically endangered), plus endemic subspecies of Hook-billed Kite, Antillean Wren and Lesser Antillean Tanager.

Recommended Literature and Trip Reports

For Tobago I used *A Guide to the Birds of Trinidad and Tobago* (second edition) by Richard ffrench, first published in 1991 (ISBN 0-7136-6759-1) and *A Birdwatchers' Guide to Trinidad and Tobago* by William L. Murphy, published in 2004 (ISBN 1871104114).

For Grenada 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.

Sound Recordings

For Tobago I used *Bird Song of Trinidad & Tobago an aid to identification* by John Hammick & Richard ffrench (Mandarin Productions 2004). For Grenada I used *Oiseaux de Antilles* by Jean C. Roché, Édouard Bénito-Espinal and Patricia Hautcastel (Guide Sonores CEBA 2001).

The Species Accounts

Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 11.2.

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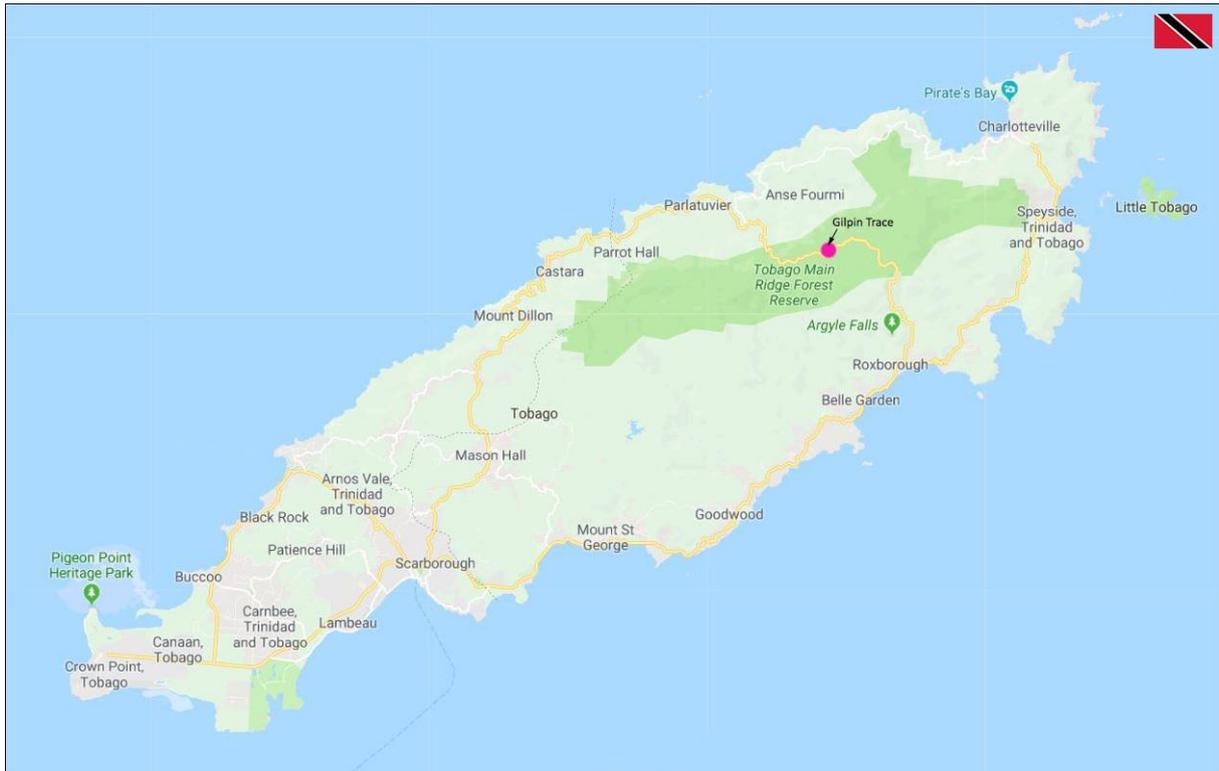
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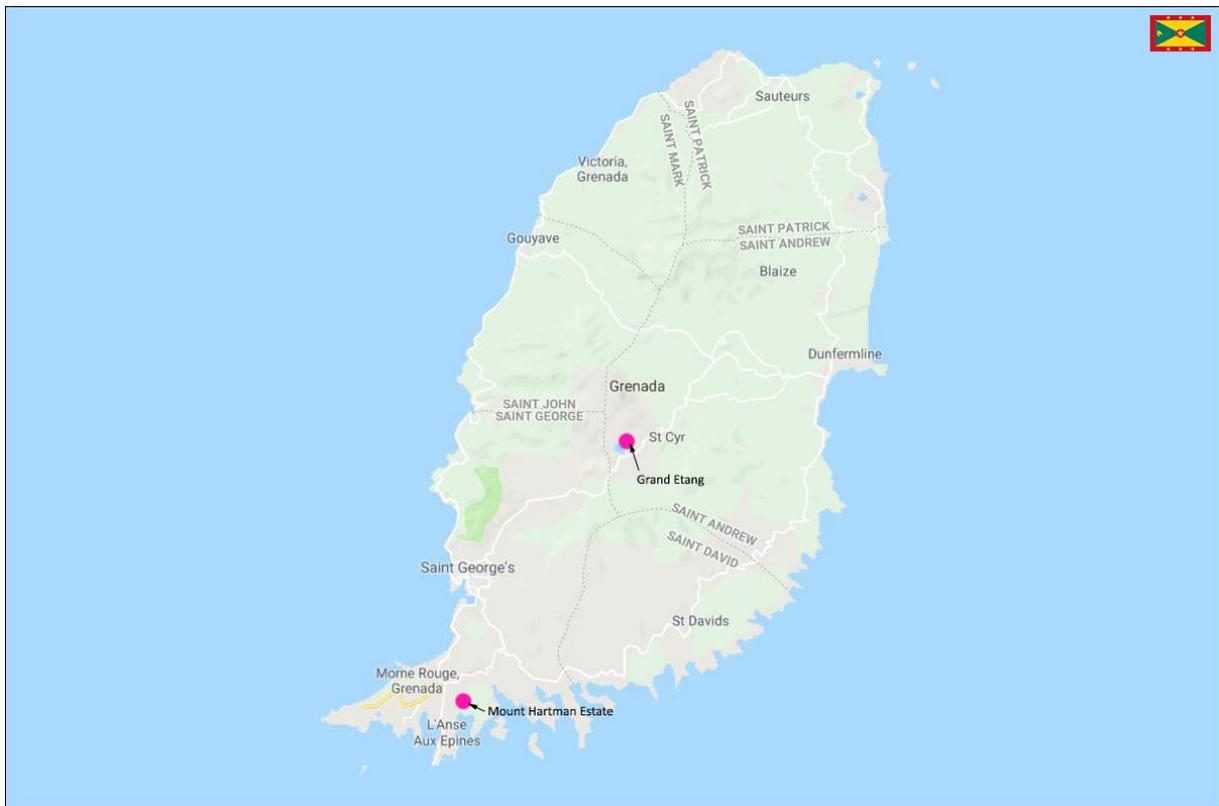




Maps



Tobago



Grenada





Left: Red-vented Chachalaca; right: Brown-crested Flycatcher, both on 22 March 2007 at Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Spectacled or Bare-eyed Thrush; right: Eared Dove, both on 22 March 2007 at Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



A pair of Northern White-fringed Ant-wrens, 22 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Another garden bird: Barred Antshrike, 22 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Spotted Sandpiper; right: Hudsonian Whimbrel, 22 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: female Magnificent Frigatebird; right 1st-year Magnificent Frigatebird, 22 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Copper-rumped Hummingbird, 24 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; right: Semipalmated Plover, 25 March 2007, harbour of Buccoo, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, 25 March 2007, Crown Point, Tobago; right: Royal Tern, 25 March 2007, harbour of Buccoo, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Orange-winged Amazon; right: White-tailed Sabrewing, 27 March 2007, Gilpin Trace, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: male Ruby Topaz; right: female Ruby Topaz, both on 27 March 2007 at Arnos Vale, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Red-crowned Woodpecker; right: White-lined Tanager, both on 27 March 2007 at Arnos Vale, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Trinidad Motmots, as usual looking for trouble; 27 March 2007 at Arnos Vale, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Grenada Flycatcher; right: Lesser Antillean Bullfinch, 29 March 2007, Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: 'Black' Bananaquit; right: Lesser Antillean Tanager, 29 March 2007, Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan.



Scaly-naped Pigeon, 29 March 2007, Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: male Lesser Antillean Tanager, 31 March 2007, Grand Etang, Grenada; right: Broad-winged Hawk, 1 April 2007, Mount Hartman Dove Sanctuary, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan.





01. **Black-bellied Whistling Duck** - *Dendrocygna autumnalis*
 22 March c 25 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
 23 March c 10 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
 2 April c 5 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
 3 April 2 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
02. **Blue-winged Teal** - *Spatula discors*
 23 March 2 (male and female) Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
03. **Rufous-vented Chachalaca** - *Ortalis ruficauda*
 Seen daily behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago, with maximum numbers of 8. On departure at the Hilton Hotel on 3 April, three birds crossed the road at the entrance/exit of the hotel.
04. **White-tailed Nightjar** - *Hydropsalis cayennensis*
 28 March 1 hunting at dusk at the runway of Tobago International Airport.
05. **Short-tailed Swift** - *Chaetura brachyura*
 Common on Tobago with sometimes flocks of c 100 birds behind the Ocean Point Hotel. None on Grenada.
06. **White-necked Jacobin** - *Florisuga mellivora*
 27 March c 10 Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago.
07. **Rufous-breasted Hermit** - *Glaucis hirsuta*
 27 March 2 between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
 3 (heard-only) Gilpin Trace, Tobago (also an abandoned nest seen).
08. **Ruby Topaz Hummingbird** - *Chrysolampis mosquitus*
 27 March c 5 Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago. Awesome bird!
09. **Black-throated Mango** - *Anthracothorax nigricollis*
 22 March c 3 Crown Point, Tobago.
 23 March c 5 Shirvan Road, at the entrance of Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
 26 March c 3 Crown Point, Tobago.
 27 March c 5 Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago.
10. **Antillean Crested Hummingbird** - *Orthorhynchus cristatus*
 One seen daily between 29 March and 2 April at the Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.
11. **White-tailed Sabrewing** - *Campylopterus ensipennis*
 27 March 4 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
12. **Copper-rumped Hummingbird** - *Saucerottia tobaci*
 The most common hummingbird on Tobago, where seen daily with a maximum of 8 birds each day.





13. **Smooth-billed Ani** - *Crotophaga ani*
Seen daily on Tobago, with maximum of c 20 birds a day. On Grenada only seen on 29 March at Epping Forest Plantation Home.
14. **Mangrove Cuckoo** - *Coccyzus minor*
29 March 1 Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.
1 April 1 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
15. **Feral (Rock) Pigeon** - *Columba livia*
Seen daily on Tobago and Grenada.
16. **Scaly-naped Pigeon** - *Patagioenas squamosa*
28 March 2 Epping Forest Estate.
17. **Pale-vented Pigeon** - *Patagioenas cayennensis*
22 March c 5 Crown Point, Tobago.
26 March c 10 Crown Point, Tobago.
18. **Common Ground-Dove** - *Columbina passerina*
28 March 2 Epping Forest Estate, Grenada.
1 April c 10 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
19. **Ruddy Ground-Dove** - *Columbina talpacoti*
A few seen on Tobago.
20. **White-tipped Dove** - *Leptopila verreauxii*
Rather common on Tobago, where c 10 birds seen almost daily.
21. **GRENADA DOVE** - *Leptopila wellsi*
29 March 4-5 (heard-only) Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
1 April c 7 (5 heard-only, 2 flushed) Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
See notes below for more information.
22. **Eared Dove** - *Zenaida auriculata*
The most common dove both on Tobago and Grenada.
23. **Common Gallinule** - *Gallinula galeata*
23 March c 5 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
Formerly considered conspecific with Common Moorhen - *G. chloropus*.
24. **Least Grebe** - *Tachybaptus dominicus*
22 March c 10 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.





25. **Pied-billed Grebe** - *Podilymbus podiceps*
23 March 2 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
26. **Southern Lapwing** - *Vanellus chilensis*
22 March c 20 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
23 March c 5 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
24 March c 10 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
3 April 5 Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
27. **Semipalmated Plover** - *Charadrius semipalmatus*
25 March 3 in the harbour of Buccoo, Tobago.
28. **Wattled Jacana** - *Jacana jacana*
23 March 2 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
29. **Hudsonian Whimbrel** - *Numenius hudsonicus*
22 March 1 behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
30. **Ruddy Turnstone** - *Areneria interpres*
25 March c 5 in the harbour of Buccoo, Tobago.
31. **Sanderling** - *Calidris alba*
25 March c 3 in the harbour of Buccoo, Tobago.
32. **Spotted Sandpiper** - *Actitis macularia*
22 March 2 behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
23 March 3 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
29 March 2 La Sagesse Nature Centre, Grenada.
33. **Lesser Yellowlegs** - *Tringa flavipes*
1 April 1 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
34. **Laughing Gull** - *Larus atricilla*
Seen daily on Tobago on Crown Point and Buccoo with up to 100 birds. On Grenada only seen at the Grande Anse beach (c 10 birds feeding).
35. **Royal Tern** - *Thalasseus maximus*
Seen on Tobago on Crown Point and Buccoo with up to 10 birds daily. On Grenada seen at La Sagesse Nature Centre (two birds feeding) and at the Grande Anse (c five birds feeding).
36. **Cabot's Tern** - *Thalasseus acuflavidus*
23 March 2 (birds with greenish yellow bills) in the harbour of Buccoo, Tobago.
Formerly considered conspecific with Sandwich Tern.



**37. Magnificent Frigatebird - *Fregata magnificens***

Seen daily on Tobago with c 25 birds each day, less common on Grenada, with only a few birds.

38. Anhinga - *Anhinga anhinga*

22 March	2	Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
24 March	c 10	Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
23 March	1	Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
3 April	5	Pond at the entrance of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.

39. Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - *Nyctanassa violacea*

22 March	1	behind Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
25 March	3	Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.

40. Green Heron - *Butorides virescens*

25 March	1	Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
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41. Western Cattle Egret - *Bubulcus ibis*

Common both on Tobago and Grenada (c 10-30 max each day).

42. Cooi Heron - *Ardea cooi*

25 March	1	Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
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According to Nathan this was not possible, but I clearly saw the black cap and clear white neck.

43. Great Egret - *Ardea alba*

25 March	1	Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
2 April	1	Grounds of Hilton Hotel, Tobago.

44. Tricolored Heron - *Egretta tricolor*

One bird was seen behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago, on 22, 24 and 27 March.

Several herons seen on Grenada flying-by at La Sagesse and Grand Anse were most probably this species.

45. Little Blue Heron - *Egretta caerulea*

27 March	1	behind Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
1 April	1	between Grand Etang and Grenville, Grenada.

46. Brown Pelican - *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Rather common at the west coast of Tobago, with c 5-10 birds seen almost daily. On Grenada only seen at Grande Anse, where one bird was seen on 1 April.

47. Western Osprey - *Pandion haliaetus*

23 March	1	Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
25 March	3	Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
27 March	2	Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.





48. **Hook-billed Kite** - *Chondrohierax uncinatus mirus*
 29 March 1 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
 1 April 1 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
 One of the rarest raptor-taxa in the world, with numbers estimated at about 40 individuals.
49. **Broad-winged Hawk** - *Buteo platypterus rivieri*
 Seen daily on Grenada with 2-4 birds seen daily. Also seen with nesting material.
50. **Collared Trogon** - *Trogon collaris*
 27 March 1 (heard-only) between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
 2 (heard-only) Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
51. **Green Kingfisher** - *Chloroceryle americana*
 23 March 1 Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
52. **TRINIDAD MOTMOT** - *Momotus bahamensis*
 21 March 1 Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
 27 March 1 (heard-only) Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
 2 Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago.
53. **Red-crowned Woodpecker** - *Melanerpes rubricapillus*
 Rather common on Tobago, where c 5 birds seen almost daily.
54. **Golden Olive Woodpecker** - *Piculus rubiginosus*
 27 March 3 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
55. **Yellow-headed Caracara** - *Milvago chimachima*
 3 April 1 on the grounds of the Hilton Hotel, Tobago.
56. **American Kestrel** - *Falco sparverius*
 21 March 1 Ocean Point, Tobago.
57. **Orange-winged Amazon** - *Amazona amazonica*
 27 March c 5 between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
58. **Grey-throated Leaf-tosser** - *Sclerurus albigularis*
 27 March 1 (seen rather well) Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
 A rare breeding bird on Tobago and only to be found along the Gilpin Trace and the only period when they are vocal is in March. My first Leaf-tosser!
59. **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** - *Sittasomus griseicapillus*
 25 March 2 Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
 27 March 2 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.





60. **Plain-Brown Woodcreeper** - *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*
27 March 1 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
61. **Cocoa Woodcreeper** - *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*
23 March 2 Shirvan Road, at the entrance of Buccoo Marsh, Tobago.
27 March 4 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
62. **Stripe-breasted Spinetail** - *Synallaxis cinnamomea*
27 March 2-3 (one bird seen rather well, rest heard-only) Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
63. **Northern White-fringed Antwren** - *Formicivora intermedia tobagensis*
A pair was seen almost daily between 21st and 28th March behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
Formerly known as White-fringed Wren, but now split into a Northern and Southern White-fringed Wren.
64. **Barred Antshrike** - *Thamnophilus doliatus*
Rather common on Tobago, where c 5 birds seen almost daily in all types of habitat.
65. **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** - *Elaenia flavogaster*
Rather common on Grenada and a pair was seen daily at the Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.
66. **Fuscous Flycatcher** - *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*
27 March 2 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
67. **Tropical Kingbird** - *Tyrannus melancholicus*
27 March 1 between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
68. **Grey Kingbird** - *Tyrannus melancholicus*
Common both on Tobago and Grenada.
69. **Brown-crested Flycatcher** - *Myiarchus tyrannulus*
Rather common on Tobago, where c 10 birds seen almost daily in all types of habitat.
70. **Grenada Flycatcher** - *Myiarchus nugator*
29 March 2 Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.
 1 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
30 March 2 Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.
1 April 3 Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate, Grenada.
71. **Scrub Greenlet** - *Hylophilus flavipes*
A few birds were seen almost daily between 21st and 28th March behind the Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
Along the Gilpin Trail, we saw c 10 individuals.





72. **Caribbean Martin** - *Progne dominicensis*
Common on Tobago, where c 25 birds seen almost daily in all types of habitat. A few seen on Grenada.
73. **Rufous-breasted Wren** - *Thryothorus rutilus*
27 March 2 (heard only) Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
74. **House Wren** - *Troglodytes aedon*
Common on Tobago, where c 10 birds seen almost daily in all types of habitat.
75. **Antillean House Wren** - *Troglodytes (aedon) martinicensis*
One individual was seen or heard daily between 30 March and 2 April at the Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada. This is the darker breasted form endemic for Grenada. See notes for more information.
76. **Tropical Mockingbird** - *Mimus gilvus*
Common both on Tobago and Grenada.
77. **Yellow-legged Thrush** - *Platycichla flavipes*
27 March c 10 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
78. **White-necked Thrush** - *Turdus albicollis*
27 March c 4 Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
79. **Cocoa Thrush** - *Turdus fumigatus*
31 March 1 (heard only) Grand Etang, Grenada.
80. **Spectacled Thrush** - *Turdus nudigens*
Rather common on Tobago and a few seen on Grenada. Also known as Bare-eyed Thrush.
81. **Crested Oropendula** - *Psarocolius decumanus*
27 March c 10 between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
82. **Giant Cowbird** - *Molothrus oryzivorus*
27 March 2 between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
83. **Shiny Cowbird** - *Molothrus bonariensis*
Common both on Tobago and Grenada.
84. **Carib Grackle** - *Quiscalus lugubris*
Very common both on Tobago and Grenada.
85. **Northern Waterthrush** - *Parkesia noveboracensis*
27 March c 10 feeding along the watercourses between Roxborough and Gilpin Trace, Tobago.



**86. Bananaquit - *Coereba flaveola***

Very common both on Tobago and Grenada. On Tobago the birds are belonging to the taxa *luteola*. On Grenada birds are belonging to the taxa *aterrima*, which is completely black.

87. Lesser Antillean Bullfinch - *Loxigilla noctis*

Several individuals (c 5-10) were seen or heard daily between 29 March and 2 April at the Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada.

88. Black-faced Grassquit - *Melanospiza bicolor*

Rather common both on Tobago and Grenada.

89. Blue-black Grassquit - *Volatinia jacarina*

Seen in small numbers on Tobago and Grenada. On 27 March I observed a display song behind the Ocean Point Hotel. On Grenada seen at the Dove Sanctuary at Mount Hartman Estate and more along roadsides.

90. White-lined Tanager - *Tachyphonus rufus*

26 March	2	(pair) Ocean Point Hotel, Tobago.
27 March	c 4	Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
	2	(pair) Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago.

91. Blue-grey Tanager - *Thraupis episcopus*

Rather common on Tobago, where seen daily with a maximum of c 10 individuals.

92. Palm Tanager - *Thraupis palmarum*

27 March	2	Scarborough, Tobago.
	c 5	Gilpin Trace, Tobago.
	2	Nature Park, Arnos Vale, Tobago.

93. Lesser Antillean Tanager - *Stipnia cucullata*

29 March	1	(female) Epping Forest Plantation Home, Grenada
31 March	4-5	Visitor Centre at Grand Etang, Grenada.

At the Grand Etang quite easy, because they feed on the bananas left for the Mona Monkeys present there. The form on Grenada is the nominate *cucullata*, with the other form *versicolor* lives on St Vincent.





Notes on some species

Grenada Dove

The birds were easy to find by their conspicuous calling, a low *who* repeated every 8 seconds. See [here for more information](#).

One of the rarest birds in the world with numbers not exceeding 100 individuals. The dove only breeds in dry shrubby forest and this habitat is found only in east of the airport and a small patch north of Saint George's. Although the Mount Hartman Estate is declared a nature reserve, the area is threatened by a new construction of the Four Seasons Resort, which planned to make a large golf course plus several cabins in and around the reserve. For more information, [see here](#).

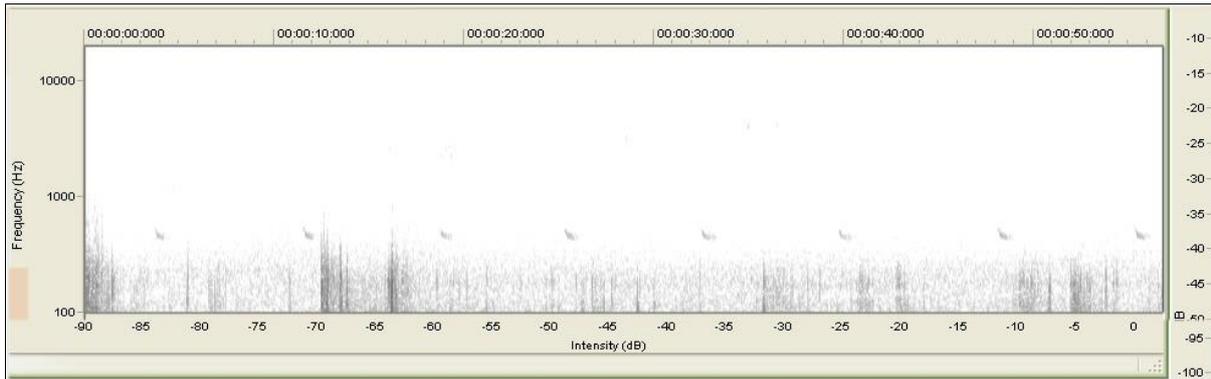


Figure 1: Note the short lines at ca 800 kHz, every 8 second.

Southern House Wren

I was able to compare songs of House Wrens on Tobago and Grenada and they looked quite dissimilar (compare sonograms, see notes below).

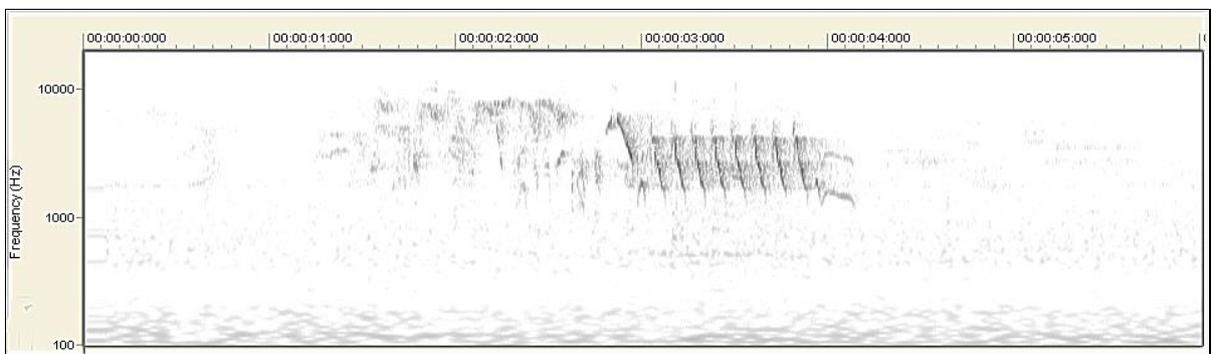


Figure 2: Southern House Wren. The thrill is almost as a Nightingale

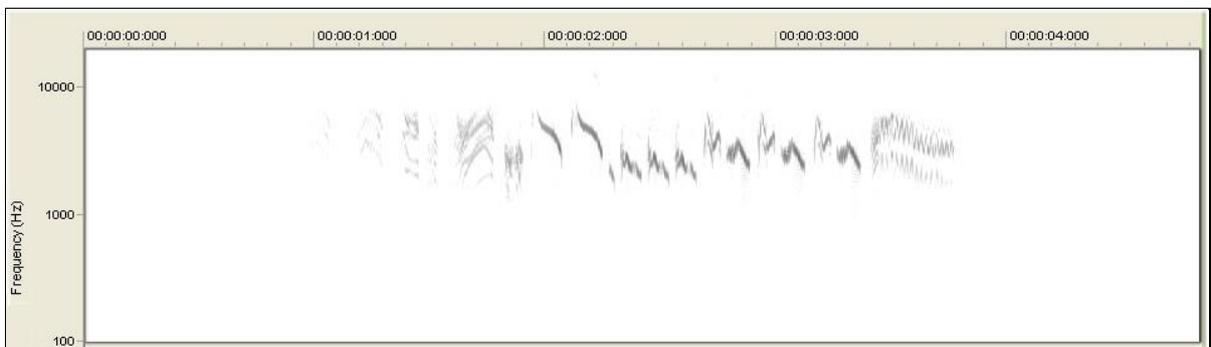


Figure 3: (Grenada) Antillean House Wren. Especially the closing notes are quite different.





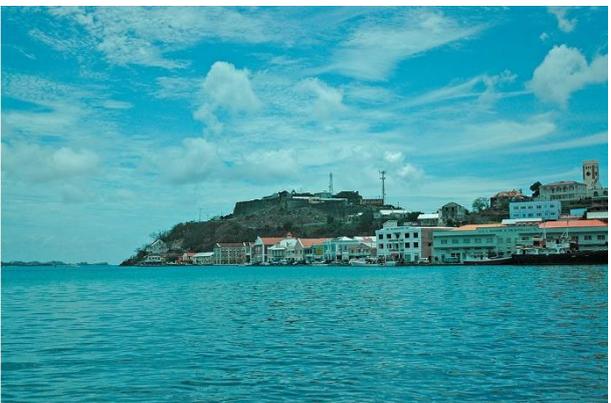
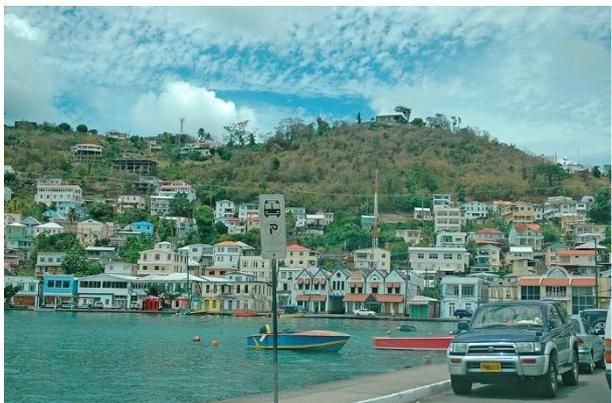
Left: beach at Crown Point, 21 March 2007; right: view from our hotel at Crown Point, 26 March 2007, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Nathan Owen, my guide at Gilpin Trace; right: forest at Gilpin Trace, 27 March 2007, Tobago; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: feeders at Arnos Vale, 27 March 2007, Tobago; right: our hotel on Grenada, the Epping Forest Plantation Home on 31 March 2007; © Jan van der Laan.



Saint George's, the capital of Grenada, 31 March 2007; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Cricket Stadium in Saint George's, used for the World Cup Cricket in 2007 in the West Indies; right: traces of [hurricane Ivan](#) from 2004 at Grand Etang, Grenada; 31 March 2007; © Jan van der Laan.

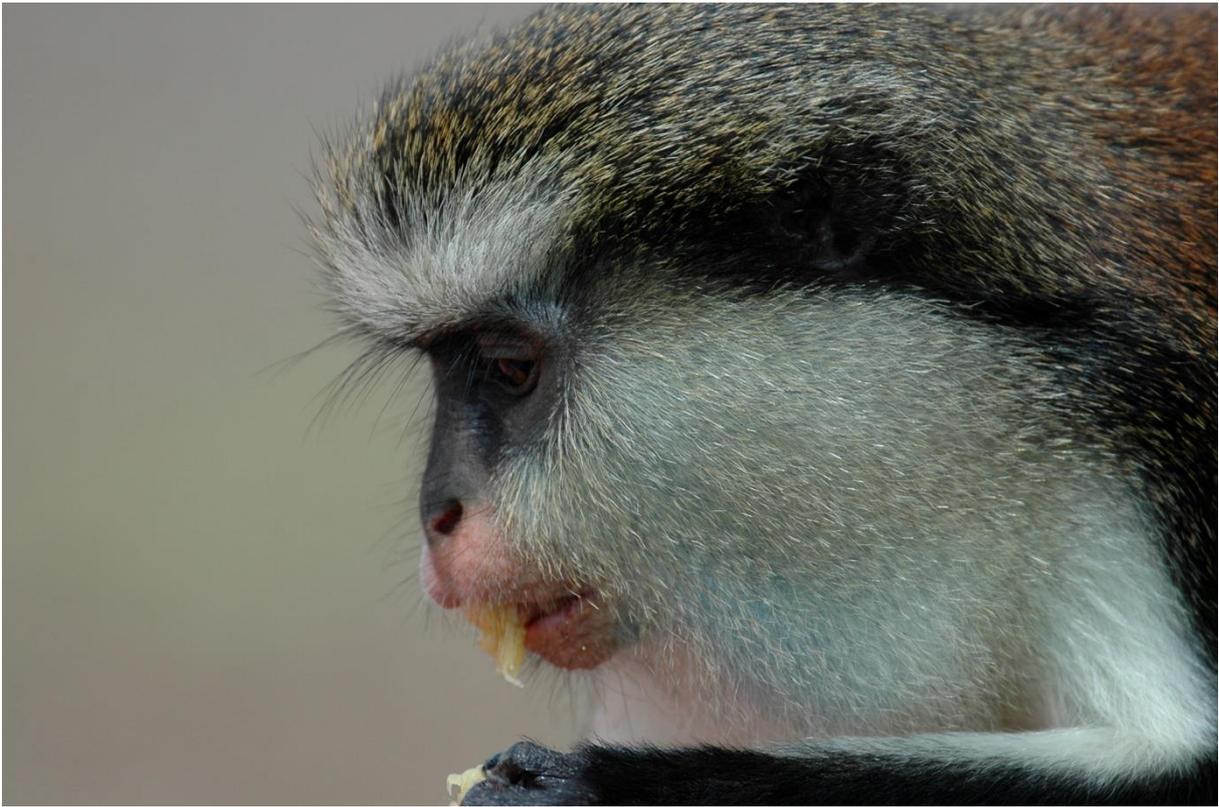


Left: Mount Hartman Visitor Center (closed); right: Grenada Dove habitat at the Mount Hartman reserve, 1 April 2007; © Jan van der Laan.



Grenada Dove habitat at the Mount Hartman reserve; I flushed two pigeons just behind the tree in the middle on 1 April 2007; © Jan van der Laan.





Mona Monkey, 31 March 2007, Grand Etang, Grenada; © Jan van der Laan.



Lizard species, 2 April 2007, Epping Forest Plantation Home; © Jan van der Laan.

