

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

### BERMUDA

In October 1993, we recorded our first **Sandhill Crane** (*Grus canadensis*), which wintered in Bermuda. Also, the first **Tufted Ducks** (*Aythya fuligula*) were recorded in December 1993. Our Christmas Bird Count was held on 29 December, with a total of 89 species observed. DAVID B. WINGATE, *Department of Agriculture, Fish & Parks, P.O. Box HM 834, Hamilton HM CX, Bermuda.*

### ADDITIONAL RECORDS FOR ANTIGUA-BARBUDA

**Wilson's Phalarope** (*Phalaropus tricolor*).—A Wilson's Phalarope in winter plumage was observed on 8 March 1994 at McKinnons salt pond. From its size, I determined the bird was a male. It was with a flock of several hundred Stilt Sandpipers (*Calidris himantopus*). The phalarope remained at the salt pond at least until 14 March. This is the first record of this species for Antigua-Barbuda.

**Ruff** (*Philomachus pugnax*).—A second record (see *El Pitirre* 7(1), 1994, for first record) for Antigua-Barbuda was attained on 19 February 1994 when a female was observed at Potworks reservoir. The same individual was seen at McKinnons salt pond on 14 and 19 March 1994.

**Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*).—On 14 March 1994 at McKinnons salt pond, I struggled to identify a winter plumage bird which was with a group of several hundred Semipalmated Sandpipers (*Calidris pusilla*). The unknown bird was active and fed along a narrow mud bar by stopping to pick every three or four paces. It only occasionally entered the shallow water.

The bird displayed the characteristic decurved bill, white uppertail coverts, and "necky" jizz (the latter at least when standing alert). It was dumpy and did not exude grace as per several bird guides' descriptions. It seemed less "leggy" than those same guides suggested. But my main problem was that the bird had a cold gray-brown plumage, including the wash of color over the breast. My experience with the species in the Old World is nearly exclusively from May to September (brick red breeding plumage shown all or partially). I did not hear its call. The sole previous record of two birds at Jolly Harbour was made in 1976 (Holland and Williams, *Am. Birds* 32(6):1095-1105, 1978).

**White Stork** (*Ciconia ciconia*) again in Antigua.—The same White Stork reported from August 1993 (*El Pitirre*, 7(1):2, 1994) was re-located on 31 March 1994 near the original observation site. It appeared to be faring well and paraded in paddocks on a fenced estate, drawing a crowd of three admirers. NATHAN P. GRICKS, *P.O. Box 672, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies.*

## III SIMPOSIO DE ZOOLOGIA

The following papers on West Indian birds were presented at the June 1994 Simposio de Zoología in La Habana Cuba.

Situación poblacional de la Grulla Cubana (*Grus canadensis nesiotis*). Vicente Berovides y Xiomara Gálvez

Ecología trófica de la avifauna de un matorral xeromorfo costero durante la estación de seca. García Nidia y Vicente Berovides

Ecología alimentaria y uso del hábitat en el Yaguasín (*Dendrocygna bicolor*) en la arrocera de Sur del Jíbaro.

Lourdes Mugica, Martín Acosta y R. Ydenberg

Abundancia y diversidad de la avifauna de Cayo Coco, Archipiélago Sabana-Camagüey, en tres hábitats

deferentes. Arturo Kirkconnell y Vicente Berovides

Hábitos alimentarios del Sabanero (*Sturnella magna*) (Aves:

Emberizidae) en un agroecosistema cubano. M. E. García y I. Fernández

Estructura espacial de una comunidad de aves acuáticas.

Martín Acosta, Lourdes Mugica y C. Mencina

Distribución y composición de las aves acuáticas de Cayo Coco. Barbara Sánchez y Daysi Rodríguez

Incidencia de las migraciones de aves con las rutas de aviación en La Habana. Esteban Godínez

Estructura y composición de la ornitocenosis de bosque semideciduo de la Península de Guanahacabibes. Alina

Pérez, R. Varela y F. Delgado

Inventario y anillamiento de aves en manglares de San Miguel de Parada, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Luís O.

Melián y M. Ayarde

Evaluación mensual de la comunidad de aves del humedal Punta Sal, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Luís O. Melián y M.

Ayarde

Estudio electroforético de dos especies en simpatria: el caso de los Estorninos (*Sturnus* sp.) (Aves: Sturnidae). P. de la

Cruz, J. E. Roselló y S. J. Peris

Estudio del origen y reuso de cavidades para anidar, por la Cotorra de Cuba (*Amazona leucocephala*). Xiomara Gálvez

y Vicente Berovides Alvarez

Estudio de la Golondrina de Cuevas (*Hirundo fulva*) en Agramontes, provincia de Matanzas, Cuba. Alejandro

Llanes

Humedales de importancia para las aves acuáticas en la provincia de Matanzas, Cuba. Pedro Blanco

Ornidiv: base de datos informática para estudios de diversidad en aves cubanas. Esteban Godínez y J. L. González

Análisis de la información de los ejemplares depositados en la colección de aves del Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática. Rafaela Aguilera y Laredo González Sánchez

Biodiversidad de la avifauna en la Isla de la Juventud, Cuba. Tomás R. Escobar Herrera y Vicente Berovides