

## SECOND SIGHT RECORD OF INDIGO BUNTING (*PASSERINA CYANEA*) ON DOMINICA

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*Abstract.*—One male Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) was observed on Dominica on 13 March 2002. This sighting constitutes a second record for Dominica.

*Key words:* *Dominica, Indigo Bunting, Lesser Antilles, Passerina cyanea, status*

*Resumen.*—SEGUNDO REGISTRO VISUAL DEL COLORÍN AZUL (*PASSERINA CYANEA*) EN DOMINICA. Un Colorín Azul (*Passerina cyanea*) macho fue observado el 13 de marzo de 2002 en Dominica. Este avistamiento es el segundo registro para Dominica.

*Palabras clave:* *Antillas Menores, Colorín Azul, Dominica, estado, Passerina cyanea*

ON 13 MARCH 2002, I observed one male Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) feeding with a flock of Black-faced Grassquits (*Tiaris bicolor*) on the mowed grounds of Fort Shipley at Cabrits National Park, Dominica, Lesser Antilles. This individual was primarily in Basic Plumage but undergoing Prealternate Molt. Amount of blue in plumage was variable but most prominent on head, back, and breast. Abdomen and undertail coverts were white with some blue feathers. Wings primarily brown with some blue on wing coverts; one wing had a distinct row of black dots on uppermost wing coverts. Bill appeared pale yellow with angulated commissure distinct. Irides were dark and legs appeared gray. This individual hopped on ground rather than walked and it was observed for at least 20 minutes. Unfortunately, no photographs were obtained.

According to Bond (1971) and Raffaele *et al.* (1998), Indigo Bunting is not listed as a vagrant on Dominica. The closest islands where this species

has been recorded in the Lesser Antilles include Saba and Anguilla (Raffaele *et al.* 1998). Evans and James (1997) however, mentioned one sighting of Indigo Bunting for Dominica recorded in March 1992. To my knowledge, this sighting constitutes a second record for the island of Dominica, Lesser Antilles.

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