THE AVIFAUNA OF SAUT D’EAU ISLAND

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Although Saut D’Eau or Marevaca Island is a Game Sanctuary, primarily for the purpose of protecting the only known nesting colony of Brown Pelicans in Trinidad and Tobago, its other avifauna has not been adequately surveyed or listed.

A list is therefore given here of 27 species which I have recorded in the course of brief Club excursions to the island on 23 June 1963 and 19 May 1968. Nomenclature follows Herklots (1961).

Brown Pelican
* Magnificent Frigatebird
Black Vulture
Shining Buzzard-hawk
Venezuelan Wood-rail
* Roseate Tern
White-fronted Dove
Rufous-collared Swift
Short-tailed Swift
Common Emerald Hummingbird
White-throated Spinetail
Yellow Kingbird
Kiskadee
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
Grey-breasted Martin
Rough-winged Swallow
Rufous-breasted Wren
House Wren
Bare-eyed Thrush
Caribbean Vireo
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Bananaquit
Yellow Oriole
Blue Tanager
Palm Tanager
Parson
Grey-breasted Saltator

Pelecanus occidentalis
Fregata magnificens
Coragyps atratus
Buteo nitidus
Aramides axillaris
Sterna dougallii
Leptotila verreauxi
Cypseloides rutilus
Chaetura brachyura
Amazilia tobaci
Synallaxis albescens
Tyrannus melancholicus
Pitangus sulphuratus
Elaenia flavogaster
Progne chalybea
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Thryothorus rutilus
Trogodytes aedon
Turdus nudigenis
Vireo olivaceus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Coereba flaveola
Icterus nigrogularis
Thraupis virens
Thraupis palmarum
Tachyphonus rufus
Saltator coerulescens

* Offshore only

Reference


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