

sustain a resident population of yellow warblers, but nor would I expect a migrant North American yellow warbler to be singing. I have never heard one singing in Trinidad. The only pelican seen was off Canouan.

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### **An Unusual Feeding Habitat of the Savannah Frog *Scinax rubra* (Laurenti).**

At the Caroni Rice Project at 7:00 o'clock one morning, I noticed strange movements of panicles of guinea grass (*Panicum maximum*) along the border of a rice field. My attention thus attracted, I saw that several panicles hosted one or more frogs *Scinax rubra*

(Laurenti) (= *Oloolygon rubra*), engaged in a gymnastic routine. One panicle had four such participants. Looking closer, I noticed a cloud of small flies which seemed attracted to the flowers. It was these that the frogs were after. The frog would manoeuvre itself within striking distance of the flower and at intervals lunge upward, and outward, at a passing fly. A panicle is an insecure base for launching such an attack, and it jerked backwards in response. Landing was also a problem. Upon capturing, or missing its prey, the frog spread out its legs in an apparently desperate bid to catch onto a lower branch of the panicle as it fell. Surprisingly, it was quite adept at this. By 7:15 most of the frogs had climbed down the panicles, possibly in response to the sun which was getting quite hot, or perhaps the flies had left.

This species is described as a savannah frog (Murphy 1997) and thus the rice fields are their normal habitat, presumably with some of their normal predators. Since they were so conspicuous, I wonder how these frogs avoided being discovered by their own predators.

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