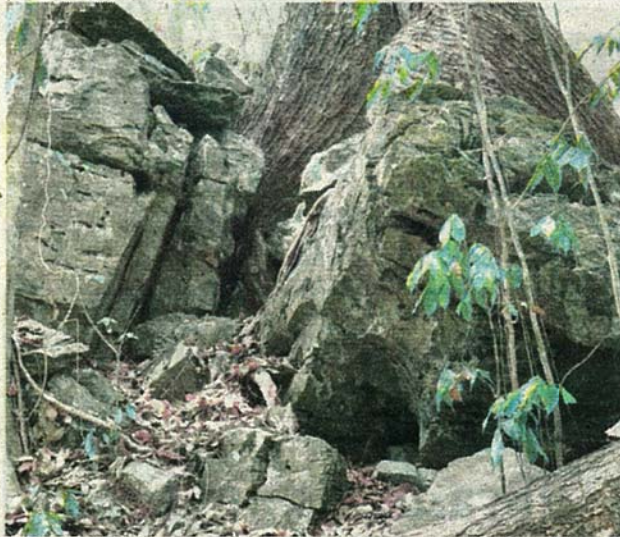


ENVIRONMENT



LARGE deposits of limestone can be found at Pt Gourde, evidence of the ancient coral reefs which covered the peninsula at a time when much of Trinidad was still underwater. These large limestone boulders litter the forest floor.



THIS butterfly is a female *Calydna venusta*. It is a rarely seen resident of the north-west peninsula.



THE TUFTED capuchin, *Cebus apella*, is an introduced primate that has spread throughout the peninsula. It should not be confused with the native white-fronted capuchin, *Cebus albifrons*. PHOTO BY KAMAL MAHABIR

A Naturalists' View: Pt Gourde



THE DEVIL nettle, *Cnidoscolus urens* is a plant to be wary of. It is covered with stinging hairs that, upon contact with the skin, release a potent irritant. It is common along the Pt Gourde trail.

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The Club's next monthly meeting will be held on June, 12 2014 at St Mary's College, PoS.



WHEN RIPE, the seedpods of bois flout, *Ochroma pyramidale* split open to expose their seeds. Seeds are transported by wind, thanks to the cotton-like fibres that surround them. PHOTO BY KRIS SOOKDEO