

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	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
* Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Shining Buzzard-hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>
Venezuelan Wood-rail	<i>Aramides axillaris</i>
* Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougalli</i>
White-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Rufous-collared Swift	<i>Cypseloides rutilus</i>
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>
Common Emerald Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tobaci</i>
White-throated Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Yellow Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>
Caribbean Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Blue Tanager	<i>Thraupis virens</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Parson	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
Grey-breasted Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>

* Offshore only

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