

# BIRDS OF THE CARONI SWAMP AND MARSHES

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Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Muscivora tyrannus tyrannus*)

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As mentioned in the preceding article, a checklist of the birds of Caroni Swamp was published in 1970. The following list of 157 birds is a revision of the earlier list containing some new records, updated taxonomy and notes on resident status and recorded nesting in the Caroni Swamp and adjacent marshes.

## Key to Symbols

R= Resident in Trinidad

\* = actual nesting observed in Caroni

NV = Northern visitor (usually August to April)

SV = Southern Visitor (usually May to October)

## Podicipedidae

*Podiceps dominicus speciosus*

R\*

## Pelecanidae

*Podilymbus podiceps antarcticus*

R\*

## Phalacrocoracidae

*Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis*

R(formerly\*)

## Anhingidae

*Phalacrocorax olivaceus olivaceus*

SV

## Ardeidae

*Anhinga anhinga anhinga*

SV

*Ardea herodias* subsp.

NV

*A. cocoi*

SV

*Casmerodius albus egretta*

NV (formerly \*)

*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

European visitor

*E. thula thula*

R\* and NV

*Florida caerulea*

R\* and NV

*Hydranassa tricolor rufimentum*

R\*

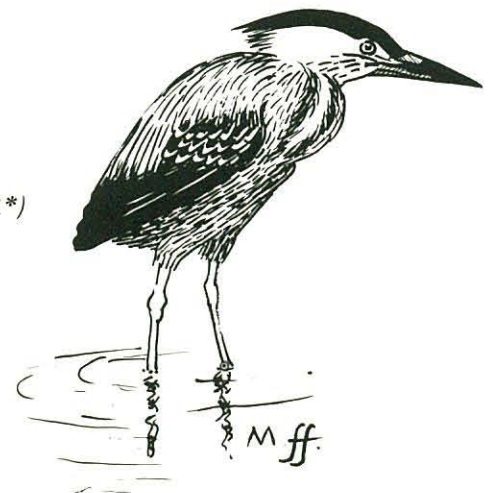
*Butorides virescens virescens*

NV

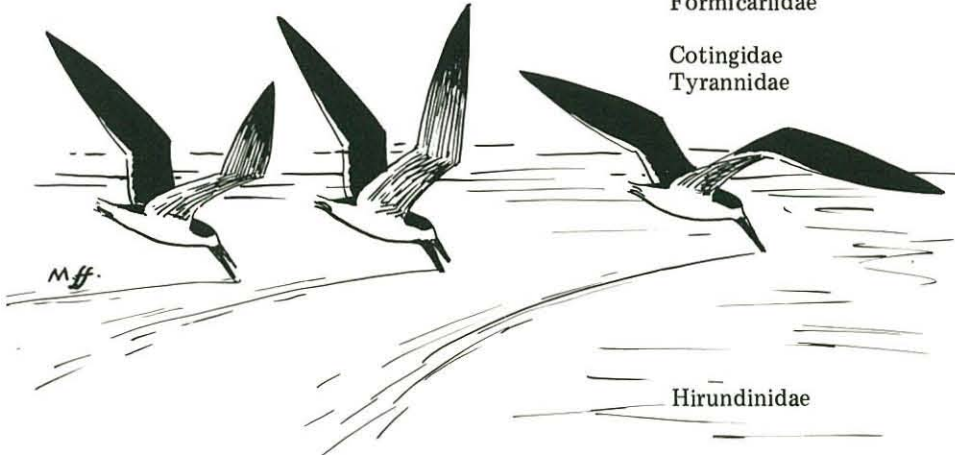
	<i>B. striatus striatus</i>	R*
	<i>Agamia agamia</i>	SV
	<i>Bubulcus ibis ibis</i>	R*
	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli</i>	R*
	<i>Nyctanassa violacea cayennensis</i>	R*
	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum lineatum</i>	R
	<i>Ixobrychus involucris</i>	R*
	<i>I. exilis erythromelas</i>	R*
	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>	R*
Cochleariidae	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius cochlearius</i>	R*
Ciconiidae	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	SV
Threskiornithidae	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	NV
	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	SV
	<i>E. ruber</i>	R*
	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>	SV
Anatidae	<i>Chen hyperborea</i>	NV
	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	SV (formerly R*)
	<i>D. bicolor</i>	SV (formerly R*)
	<i>D. autumnalis discolor</i>	R*
	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	SV
	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos sylvicola</i>	SV
	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	R*
	<i>A. discors discors</i>	NV
	<i>A. clypeata</i>	NV
	<i>A. americana</i>	NV
	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	NV
	<i>A. collaris</i>	NV
	<i>Oxyura dominica</i>	R*
Cathartidae	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	R
Accipitridae	<i>Elanus leucurus leucurus</i>	SV
	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis</i>	SV
	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus cancrivorus</i>	R*
	<i>B. urubitinga</i>	R*
	<i>Circus buffoni</i>	R*
Pandionidae	<i>Pandion haliaetus carolinensis</i>	NV
Falconidae	<i>Milvago chimachima cordatus</i>	R
	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	NV
	<i>F. columbarius columbarius</i>	NV
Aramidae	<i>Aramus guarauna guarauna</i>	R
Rallidae	<i>Rallus longirostris pelodramus</i>	R*
	<i>R. maculatus maculatus</i>	R*
	<i>Aramides cajanea cajanea</i>	R*
	<i>A. axillaris</i>	R*
	<i>Porzana albicollis</i>	R
	<i>P. carolina</i>	NV
	<i>P. flaviventer</i>	R
	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>	R*
	<i>Gallinula chloropus galeata</i>	R*
	<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>	R*
	<i>Fulica caribae</i>	? (formerly R*)
Jacaniidae	<i>Jacana jacana intermedia</i>	R*
Charadriidae	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	R
	<i>Phuvialis squatarola</i>	NV
	<i>P. dominica dominica</i>	NV
	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	NV
	<i>C. collaris</i>	R*
	<i>C. wilsonia cinnamominus</i>	R
Scolopacidae	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	NV
	<i>T. melanoleuca</i>	NV
	<i>T. solitaria solitaria</i>	NV
	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	NV
	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus semipalmatus</i>	NV
	<i>Limnodromus griseus griseus</i>	NV
	<i>Gallinago gallinago delicata</i>	NV
	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	NV
	<i>C. mauri</i>	NV
	<i>C. minutilla</i>	NV
	<i>C. fuscicollis</i>	NV
	<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>	NV
	<i>Micropalama himantopus</i>	NV
Recurvirostridae	<i>Himantopus himantopus mexicanus</i>	R*
Laridae	<i>Phaetusa simplex simplex</i>	SV (formerly R*)



**Common Black Hawk**  
(*Buteogallus anthracinus cancrivorus*)



**Striated Heron**  
(*Butorides striatus striatus*)



**Black Skimmers**  
(*Rynchops niger*)

	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica aranea</i>	NV
	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	NV
	<i>Sterna albifrons antillarum</i>	NV
Rynchopidae	<i>Rynchops niger cinerascens</i>	SV
Columbidae	<i>Columba cayennensis pallidicrissa</i>	R
	<i>Zenaida auriculata stenura</i>	R*
	<i>Columbigallina talpacoti rufipennis</i>	R
Psittacidae	<i>Forpus passerinus viridissimus</i>	R*
Cuculidae	<i>Coccyzus americanus americanus</i>	NV
	<i>C. minor minor</i>	R*
	<i>C. melacoryphus</i>	R*
	<i>Piaya minuta minuta</i>	R*
	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	R*
	<i>C. ani</i>	R*
	<i>Tapera naevia naevia</i>	R*
Tytonidae	<i>Tyto alba hellmayri</i>	R
Strigidae	<i>Otus choliba crucigerus</i>	R
Nyctibiidae	<i>Nyctibius griseus griseus</i>	R*
Caprimulgidae	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis acutipennis</i>	R
	<i>Podager nacunda minor</i>	R*
	<i>Caprimulgus cayennensis cayennensis</i>	R
Trochilidae	<i>Chlorostilbon mellinsugus caribaeus</i>	R
	<i>Anthracothonax viridigula</i>	R
	<i>Polytmus guainumbi guainumbi</i>	R
Alcedinidae	<i>Ceryle torquata torquata</i>	SV (formerly R*)
	<i>C. alcyon</i>	NV
	<i>Chloroceryle americana croteta</i>	R
	<i>C. aenea aenea</i>	R
Dendrocolaptidae	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus altirostris</i>	R*
Furnariidae	<i>Synallaxis albescens trinitatis</i>	R*
	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea cinnamomea</i>	R*
Formicariidae	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis trinitatis</i>	R
	<i>Sclateria naevia</i>	R
Cotingidae	<i>Pachyrhamphus polychopterus tristis</i>	R
Tyrannidae	<i>Fluvicola pica pica</i>	R*
	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>	R*
	<i>Muscivora tyrannus tyrannus</i>	SV
	<i>Tyrannus melacholicus chloronotus</i>	R*
	<i>T. dominicensis dominicensis</i>	R*
	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus trinitatis</i>	R*
	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus</i>	R
	<i>M. swainsoni swainsoni</i>	SV
	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris collingwoodi</i>	R*
	<i>Pseudocolopteryx scalateri</i>	R*
	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii trinitatis</i>	R*
	<i>Sublegatus modestus glaber</i>	R*
	<i>Tachycineta albireutar</i>	R*
Hirundinidae	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca patagonica</i>	SV
	<i>Hirundo rustica erythrogaster</i>	NV
	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	NV
Mimidae	<i>Mimus gilvus tobagensis</i>	R
Turdidae	<i>Turdus nudigenis nudigenis</i>	R
Vireonidae	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis flavipectus</i>	R
	<i>Hylophilus aurantifrons saturatus</i>	R
Icteridae	<i>Molothrus bonariensis minimus</i>	R*
	<i>Quiscalus lugubris lugubris</i>	R*
	<i>Icterus nigrogularis trinitatis</i>	R*
	<i>Agelaius icterocephalus icterocephalus</i>	R*
	<i>Leistes militaris militaris</i>	R*
Parulidae	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	NV
	<i>Dendroica petechia aestiva</i>	NV
	<i>D. striata</i>	NV
	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis noveboracensis</i>	NV
	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis aequinoctialis</i>	R*
	<i>Setophaga ruticilla ruticilla</i>	NV
Coerebidae	<i>Coereba flaveola luteola</i>	R*
	<i>Conirostrum bicolor bicolor</i>	R*
Fringillidae	<i>Paroaria gularis nigrogenis</i>	R*
	<i>Volatinia jacarina splendens</i>	R*
	<i>Sporophila lineola bouvronides</i>	R
	<i>S. minuta minuta</i>	R*
	<i>Spiza americana</i>	NV