

President's Report 10-11

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Nonsuch Island Camp

June



Winner: Kate Cooper



October - Dollars for Hours



Warwick Academy students

October - Green Expo at Botanical Gardens



October - Paget Island Bird Camp



- 60 species of birds
- Fabulous weather
- Great food
- Good company

.... See you next year?

The Power of Partnerships

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2010



International Migratory Bird Day in the Caribbean 2010

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Peregrine Falcon (*FALCO PEREGRINUS*)

How to spot it:

Powerful and fast flying, this large cross-bill falcon is dark grey above, cream-colored with dark bars below. Pointed wings, long, narrow tail and rapid pigeon-like flight usually set it on the wing. When perched, its show-the-vent pattern is distinctive. Immatures are brown above, cream-colored with honey brown-streaked below.

Where to find it:

An opportunistic but rare migratory bird, it can be found throughout the West Indies, primarily from October to April in coastal areas, offshore isles and rocks, smalltowns, forests and cities.

What does it eat?

Wedge-tailed, especially Rocking doves, waterhens, songbirds, waders and pigeons. They take birds on the wing, usually while flying low to the ground and snapping their wings back as they take off. Peregrines also chase on prey from high above, striking with their feet. They are said to be the fastest animal in the world, reaching speeds near 200 mph (320 km/h) or more during hunting dives.

Conservation status:

Peregrine populations crashed in 1950-1970 due to the use of pesticides, especially DDT, and it was declared an Endangered Species. Following the ban on DDT in the early 1970s, protection of nesting sites, and releases of captive-bred birds to the wild, the species recovered enough to be removed from the Endangered Species List in 1980, a conservation success story!



Let's learn about migratory birds and work together to protect them.



Produced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, in partnership with the National Audubon Society. www.migratory.org

November - Cahow T-shirt



Nov - Cooper's Point Fieldtrip



November - Cahow fieldtrip



Nov - ACE Working Party
Alfred Blackburn Smith N.R. and
Freer Cox N.R.



November - Dollars for Hours Partner Re and Warwick Academy



The students made
about 50 boxes for
the Society

December - City Market



Christmas Bird Count

The Bermuda Audubon Society held its 36th CBC on 2nd January 2011.

Features of this year's count included:

- 9,305 individual birds (600 more birds than last year's total)
- 102 species of birds - (100 in 2009)
- 2 new species for count day (White-winged Dove and Brown Creeper)
- European Starling was the most common species (27% of the count)
- About 250 species have now been record on the CBC in Bermuda since 1975

February - Working Party Warwick Academy Students



March - Aberfeldy Bluebird nestbox workshop



March - DVD Launch LookBermuda

Higher Ground

The Cahow Translocation Project

A film by LookBermuda

Official Launch:
6pm Thursday, March 10th.
Tradewinds Auditorium,
B.U.E.I.

Please RSVP:
RSVP@LookBermuda.com



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March - Nest box building Bermuda High School



March - Rosewood Tucker's Point Opposition to SDO



March - Fieldtrip Morgan's Point



April - Annual Show Audubon Award

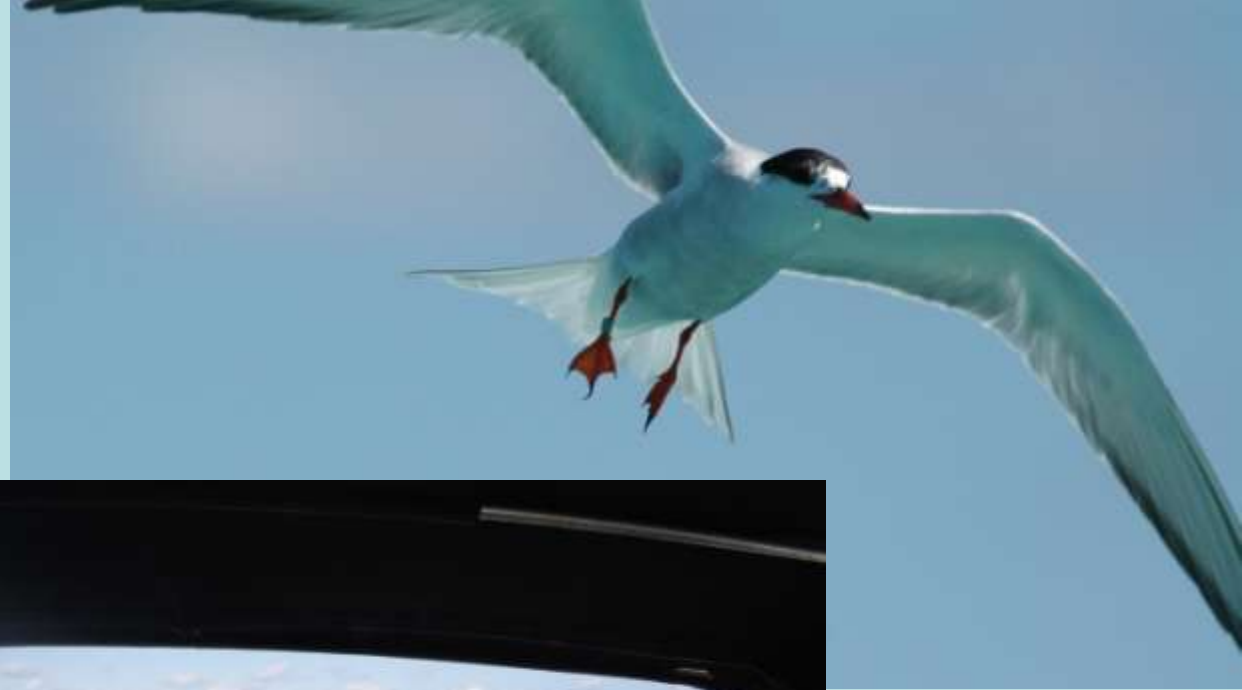


Winner
Kip Malpas

May - Fieldtrip - Coral Beach



June - Fieldtrips - the Ocean



June - Camp preparation



Nature reserve management

Seymour's Pond NR





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Nature reserves management and working parties

A.B.S. Nature Reserve

Firefly Nature Reserve

Freer Cox Nature Reserve

Seymour's Pond Nature Reserve

Stokes Point Nature Reserve

Somerset Long Bay West Nature Reserve

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Nature reserve management

Firefly NR



Freer Cox NR

Cooperation and Partnerships

Locally:

- B.E.S.T.
- Bermuda National Trust
- Bermuda Zoological Society
- Centre on Philanthropy
- Conservation Services, Bermuda Government
- Eco Bermuda
- Greenrock
- Look Bermuda
- Masterworks
- Parks Commission
- SPCA
- The Royal Gazette

Internationally:

- BirdLife International
- National Audubon Society
- North American Birds
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK)
- Rutgers University
- Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds
- UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum

Partnerships

BAMZ Library – Handbook of the Birds of the World



Research

We continue to support the research by
Dr. Jamie Bacon on amphibians
Julian Avery on Bluebirds



Conservation Status of the Bermuda Shearwater

Dr. Jamie Bacon, June 20, 2017

Julian Cameron and Brian Jones
Biological Sciences, St. John's University, St. John's, NB

Despite getting the worst week of rain weather for the past week, I managed to recover a number of previously banded birds. Overall, I banded a total of 44 birds banded in previous years. Of those, 14 were banded in 2017 and 17 were banded in 2018. During 2018 I managed 44 birds banded in 2017. I should note here enough presence and absence data to model survivorship of Shearwaters in good years.

I also revisited 111 of the survey points that I established in 2016. I collected data on individual abundance that I will use along with the data from 2018 to model survivorship of Shearwaters in residential and golf course habitats.

It appears to have been a productive breeding season. A number of the adult birds I observed in these more breeding habitats or were found with well-developed Redpolls in tow.

I am currently working on the genetic history of Shearwaters and Thick-knee Shearwaters and I am on track to have results for analysis that August.



This Shearwater banded in 2017 from Julian's Point and resighted during 2018.



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White-winged Black Tern - New to Bermuda

David Wingate



While on holiday in the Cook, Republic this past summer with my daughter and family they kindly offered to help me look for some of the rarer European birds on my wish list. One of these was the beautiful White-winged Black Tern which nests in large freshwater marshes and flies to Africa for



the winter. When checking the traps set in my field plots, however, I realised that the summer breeding area was a lot beyond the scope of a weekend field trip, so I started looking.

First observed here in September 2010 on Bermuda. This time I was returning from the Cape Verde, off Africa had just passed over Bermuda on the 10th bringing a Little Egret, presumably from Africa and I was taking the west end in company with Wendy Park. As we crossed the Port Royal golf course to check the woodland pond I noticed a tern, above the site of an American Black Tern colony to which my attention is drawn to report Black Tern sightings. But this was no Black Tern, being far too pale. Returning forward for a better look we were able to get right inside it at the edge of the pond and I quickly realised I was looking at the long tailed White-winged Black Tern in juvenile plumage - which proves the edge that I have long used to describe the nature of Bermuda's breeding. If you wait long enough everything eventually comes to you here, so nature here is predictable in how far it has had to travel. (I have even recorded a species of *Idonea fuscata* from the exact opposite side of the planet). In this case I suspect the bird got swept up in the coast of Spain as it was flying down the coast of Africa. One would have thought it would stop a while after such a long trip but in typical fashion it continued on its way to God knows where after a few days. This species is not new to the New World, having been recorded several times over in Eastern



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Black-tailed Gull - N



Another new species of bird has been recorded in Bermuda. Bermuda Audubon Society member Peter Hyman identified a Black-tailed Gull on 3 January in Somerset. Peter commented at the time "The day started with the spectacular sight of two gannets glomping during the fall in Mangrove Bay, taking a heavy toll of the Bermuda Phoebe-birds and Housefinch, followed by an adult vagrant Black-tailed Gull, the first record for Bermuda. I first saw the bird off Wildcat Ridge, where a small adult Lesser-Black-tailed gull flew past, with... a black tail. Gulp! After checking Sibley at home, I was more than convinced that my gut feeling was correct, and came out after lunch to look properly. I compiled a full description, but the key features are:

- it is smaller than Lesser Black-tailed Gull, midway between that and Ring-billed



Invite People to Join

For membership and other information on the Society please see our website www.audubon.bm
President: Andrew Dobson

Information

Category:
Organizations - Clubs & Societies
Description:
The Bermuda Audubon Society is a non-profit making registered charity, founded in 1954. The Society is a Non-Governmental Organisation run by an Executive Committee of volunteers.
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Admins

- Heather Goessel (creator)

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Write something...

 **Andrew Dobson** Just a reminder that the Annual General Meeting takes place on Monday 13th June 6pm at Government House. The meeting will be followed by an illustrated talk by Andrew Dobson on "Wildlife of the Galapagos". RSVP to info@audubon.bm
Thursday at 10:02pm · Like · Comment

 **Joy Nash** Has anyone else had this problem ... we have had several nests full of chicks decimated by ants...fortunately our bluebird babies' have been protected as we had put grease around the pole, but babies in the wild are being horribly affected by the ants.
June 4 at 3:38pm · Like · Comment

 **Heather Goessel** <http://www.royalgazette.com/article/20110601/NEWS/706019965/-1/news>
Boy and police rescue an injured longtail | Bermuda News
www.royalgazette.com
A ten-year-old St Davids boy was able to rescue an injured longtail over the weekend, with the help of police. Jade Douglas, a P6 student at Harrington Sound Primary, found the bird on Sunday evening, not far from his family home at Cove Valley Lane. I was going fishing, and there was a cave that
June 1 at 10:43am · Like · Comment · Share

 **Heather Goessel** A Great Blue Heron is searching for breakfast ...
 **Bermuda Audubon Society**
May 26 at 10:05am · Like · Comment · Share

 **Heather Goessel** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NONSUCH ISLAND ON SAT 4 JUNE
We need about 10 willing and able volunteers to help prepare Nonsuch Island for our annual Natural History Camp. We will depart from Tuckers Town public wharf at 10am and return by 3pm.
The work will involve sweeping and mopping of floors, cleaning mildew off windows and...
[See More](#)
May 22 at 9:14pm · Like · Comment

Newspaper articles

“Endangered Cahow relative in need of help”

“Students raise \$1,600 to protect Bluebirds”

“Nonsuch summer camp returns after two year hiatus”

“Cahow coin unveiled”

“An unusual gull is spotted over the island”

“Seymour’s Pond rehabilitation will be completed by month’s end”

“Annual count sees numbers swell”

“Fifty years on, nature reserve needs you”

“Fishermen are warned not to kill shearwaters”

“Summer is coming: First longtail seen”

The Challenges



- Feeding of feral animals
- Longline fishing
- Invasive plants
- Reserve maintenance
- Pigeon control
- Funding

The opportunities



Buy Back Bermuda



Please help the Bermuda Audubon Society and Bermuda National Trust protect Bermuda's precious open space for the enjoyment of everyone, forever. You can make a difference!

A big "thank you"

Victor Bell and Bell's Skyline - Seymour's Pond
Julie Greaves and Aberfeldy staff - bluebird workshop
Graham Maddox - ocean fieldtrips
Bill Manuel - auditing
David Saul - bluebird lectures
Maurice Shaeffer - wood cutting
Derek Singleton and Coral Beach Club
Stuart Smith - and his bluebird volunteers
Sir Richard Gozney and Lady Gozney

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Bermuda High School - box building and sales
The late Deborah Butterfield and the Butterfield Family
The Royal Gazette
Warwick Academy
Working party volunteers

All our financial sponsors - too numerous to list - especially to all those who have donated towards the Seymour's Pond Appeal

Birds 2010-2011



Sept - Little Egret



Sept - White-winged Black Tern



Sept - White-winged Black Tern



Oct - Golden-winged Warbler



Golden-winged Warbler



Nov - Downy Woodpecker





Jan - Mar
Black-tailed Gull



.....Black-tailed Gull

