

**REPORT**  
**A SURVEY OF THE BIRDS OF THE CITADELLE**  
**AREA**

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### APRIL 23:

The weather was wet, misty and 19 degrees celcius. Our route was following the paved path for thirty minutes. We then followed a peasant trail that roughly went west. We then dropped into a valley that went north-east. We passed through a thickly forested patch near the village, proceeded onto a grassy hill and then went east to the road leading to the Citadel. Our transect was conducted from 0630 to 1125 (roughly five hours).

- 0640-Two Bananaquits Coereba flaveola were calling.  
0641-A Greater Antillean Bullfinch Loxigilla violacea flew out of a shrub.  
0642-A hummingbird was chasing another one.  
0655-Another hummingbird flew by.  
0700-Four Hispaniolan Parakeets Ploceus cucullatus were in a tall thin tree next to the paved path.  
0700-Six Palmchats Dulus dominicus were flying between two trees.  
0714-Hispaniolan Lizard Cuckoo Saurothera longirostris called.  
0716-A Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea called.  
0718-A male Antillean Mango Anthracothorax dominicus was perched in a small tree.  
0719-A Palm Crow Corvus palmarum called.  
0722-Two Palmchats Dulus dominicus flew from a tree.  
0722-Five Palm Crows Corvus palmarum were flying and calling over a cultivated garden.  
0727-A Hispaniolan Lizard Cuckoo Saurothera longirostris called.  
0728-Two Hispaniolan Woodpeckers Melanerpes striatus called.  
0739-a female Black-throated Blue Warbler Dendroica caerulescens was at the edge of the valley.  
0742-The same bird was seen again.  
0743-Two Northern Mockingbirds Mimus polyglottos flew from a large tree.  
0750-A Broad-billed Tody Todus subulatus was at the bottom of the valley.  
0756-A Black-crowned Palm Tanager Phaenicophilus palmarum was feeding.  
0756-A Common Yellow-throat Geothlypis trichas was seen.  
0800-A female Black-throated Blue Warbler Dendroica caerulescens was near the previous bird.  
0802-A Hispaniolan Lizard Cuckoo Saurothera longirostris called.  
0807-Two Hispaniolan Lizard Cuckoo Saurothera longirostris were in a tree at the edge of a garden.  
0810-A male Antillean Mango Anthracothorax dominicus was seen.  
0813-Three Palmchats Dulus dominicus were in small bushes.  
0823-A Red-necked Pigeon Columbia squamosa flew from a tall tree as Palm Crows Corvus palmarum flew about.  
0827-A Bananaquit Coereba flaveola flew into a tall tree.  
0829-In a wet, thickly vegetated patch were two Palmchats Dulus dominicus, a Palm Crow Corvus palmarum, a Bananaquit Coereba flaveola, two hummingbirds, and a tody calling.  
0830-A male Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina was in a broadleaf tree.  
0840-In a large tree were two Black-crowned Palm Tanagers Phaenicophilus palmarum, two Palmchats Dulus dominicus, and a Bananaquit Coereba flaveola.  
0841-A Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus was feeding on a tree.  
0842-A Bananaquit Coereba flaveola was calling.  
0850-Two Vervain Hummingbirds Mellisuga minima were perched and calling on a shrubby hillside.  
0858-A male Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea was at the top of a grassy hilltop.  
0859-A Smooth-billed Ani Ani crotophaga flew off of the hilltop.  
0902-A male Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea and two Palmchats Dulus dominicus were seen on the hilltop.  
0904-Two birds possible parrots or parakeets flew overhead.  
0908-A male Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea was on the other side of the valley from the grassy hill.  
0910-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos was seen.

- 0919-In a large tree was a Greater Antillean Elaenia Elaenia fallox and two Vervian Hummingbirds Mellisuga minima. Farther from that tree was a Red-legged Thrush Mimocichla plumbea and a Red-necked Pigeon Columbia squamosa.
- 0921-A Greater Antillean Bullfinch Loxigilla violacea was seen.
- 0922-A Black-crowned Palm Tanager Phaenicophilus palmarum was in a dead tree.
- 0935-A Red-necked Pigeon Columbia squamosa and a Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus were seen.
- 0941-Two Palmchats Dulus dominicus were seen.
- 0942-Two Red-legged Thrushes Mimocichla plumbea and two male Yellow-faced Grassquits Tiaris olivacea were observed.
- 0944-Two Black-crowned Palm Tanagers Phaenicophilus palmarum were seen with one having less black on the head.
- 0949-Two Hispaniolan Parrots Amazona ventralis were seen in high branch of a thin tree. Also seen were a Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus and a Greater Antillean Bullfinch Loxigilla violacea.
- 0953-Two Hispaniolan Parakeets Aratinga chloroptera flew overhead.
- 1021-A Bananaquit Coereba flaveola was heard calling.
- 1031-A Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus called.
- 1033-A Hispaniolan Parrot Amazona ventralis was in a bread-fruit tree.
- 1035-A Palmchat Dulus palmarum was seen.
- 1036-A Bananaquit Coereba flaveola was seen.
- 1039-An American Kestrel Falco sparverius landed in a tree.
- 1048-A Stolid Flycatcher Myiarchus stolidus was in an acacia-like tree.
- 1050-A Giant Kingbird Tyrannus cubensis was seen by the paved path.
- 1100-A Black-crowned Palm Tanager Phaenicophilus palmarum was seen.
- 1101-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos was seen.
- 1108-A Palmchat Dulus dominicus was seen.
- 1114-A Grey Catbird Dumetella carolinensis was seen right next to the Citadell.
- 1125-We reached the barracks.

#### April 24:

It was drizzling, misty, and wet with a temperature of 19 degrees celcius. We went from the Citadel toward the ruins of Ramiers. We past them and began down hill on the east side of the ridge. We past through a thick brushy area and gardens before heading back up to the ridge top. We then followed the same path back. The transect was from 0630 to 1009. Visibility for the majority of the transect was poor.

- 0630-Palmchats Dulus dominicus were calling in the distance.
- 0708-A male Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea with another whose sex was not determined.
- 0717-An American Kestrel Falco sparverius flew off into the mist.
- 0730-Two male and one female Yellow-faced Grassquits Tiaris olivacea and a male Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina were in a clump of bushes.
- 0736-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos and three Mourning Doves Zenaida macroura.
- 0739-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos flew out of a tree.
- 0742-A female Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina and male Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea were in a acacia-like bush.
- 0808-A female American Redstart Setophaga ruticilla was in ferns.
- 0809-A Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus was in a cycopia tree.
- 0810-A Black-crowned Palne Tanager Phaenicophilus palmarum was seen.
- 0819-A male Cape May Warbler Dendroica tigrina was seen.
- 0822-An American Kestrel Falco sparv \_\_\_\_\_ § \_\_\_\_\_ (pening.
- 0845-A Hispaniolan Woodpecker Melanerpes striatus was seen at the forest edge.
- 0849-Three Smooth-billed Anis Crotophaga ani were on a cleared hillside.
- 0910-A Hispaniolan Lizard Cuckoo Saurothera longirostris called.
- 0910-Two Giant Kingbirds Tyrannus cubebsis were in a cycopia tree.
- 0913-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos flew out of a cycopis tree.
- 0936-A nest with three Northern Mockingbirds Mimus polyglottos was shown to us by our guides. One of the parents was flying close by, and was calling.
- 1008-A Northern Mockingbird Mimus polyglottos was seen.
- 1009-Four Palmchats Dulus dominicus were in a small tree by the Citadel.

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