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BIRD RECORDS FROM NEW PROVIDENCE AND ELEUTHERA ISLANDS, BAHAMAS

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In 1949 we spent the period of January 17 to February 13 (Van Tyne until February 18) in intensive field work on New Providence and Eleuthera islands. Of the total 59 man-days of field work, 42 were devoted to New Providence, 17 to Eleuthera. All specimens taken are now in the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. The following list includes only the new or otherwise noteworthy records we secured.

One of our major objectives was to observe the Kirtland Warbler (Dendroica kirtlandii) on its wintering grounds, since we had studied it for some years on its very restricted breeding ground in central Michigan, but we failed to find the species, in spite of careful search in every sort of habitat. As pointed out elsewhere (Van Tyne, Tenth Internatl. Ornith. Congress, 1952:537-44), this warbler seems to be the only North American species whose wintering ground is restricted to the Bahamas.

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BALDPATE. Anas americana Gmelin

Eleuthera: On February 13 Mayfield saw 7 Baldpates on the pond inland from the town of James Cistern. This species is a rare winter visitant in the Bahamas and had apparently been previously recorded only from Andros and Acklin Island.

MARSH HAWK. Circus cyaneus hudsonius (Linnaeus)

New Providence and Eleuthera: We saw a single Marsh Hawk on New Providence—an adult 3, 2 miles east of Adelaide, on January 23.