

BIRD SPECIES observed during twice-weekly airport bird patrols Nov 2010 to Nov 2011
 Cayman Brac. SAMPLE ONLY: Showing ONE ONLY out of 8 approx patrols per month

Gerrard Smith Int'l Airport
 (Approx 30 minute patrols)

ALL SPECIES	2010		2011									
	NOV 19th	DEC 21st	JAN 24th	FEB 27th	MARCH 6th*	APR 3rd	MAY 22nd	JUNE 12th	JULY 17th	AUG 22nd	SEPT 18th**	OCT 9th
Pied-billed Grebe		1	two									
White-tailed Tropicbird***												
Brown Booby								1			two	
Brown Pelican	[do not count: this species was observed in the ponds AFTER the official counting ceased]											
Double-crested Cormorant												
Anhinga					one							
Magnificent Frigatebird			two	1		1	two				one	
Least Bittern		1										
Great Blue Heron		1	two	5							one	1
Great Egret	eight	8	three	11		2						
Snowy Egret	one	1	four	10	one	25						
Little Blue Heron	one	30						2	two			2
Tricolored Heron			two	6	eleven							
Reddish Egret			one									
Cattle Egret						2	five	6	eleven		three	18
Green Heron				1	one			1	one	1	one	
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	one		one	1	one	1		1			one	1
White Ibis					two							
Glossy Ibis	one											
West Indian Whistling Duck		2			two			4	one	16	six	
Gadwall												
Blue-winged Teal	twenty	6	twenty	40	forty						twenty-7	60
Northern Shoveler												
Green-winged Teal												
Ring-necked Duck												
Lesser Scaup	1	1										
Osprey						1						
Northern Harrier	one											
American Kestrel	one		one	1								
Merlin												
Peregrine Falcon					one							
Sora					one							
Common Moorhen		3	five	6	two	1	eight	3	two	4	one	4
American Coot	fifty	16	three	65	forty							
Black-bellied Plover			two				1	one		two	6	eight

Semi-palmated Plover					one						three	
Kildeer					one							
Black-necked Stilt				45	twenty-five	two	16	twelve	19	forty-eight	70	
Greater Yellowlegs	one			20	ten	4						
Lesser Yellowlegs												1
Willet								4		4		
Spotted Sandpiper												
Upland sandpiper								1				
Semi-palmated sandpiper											one	
Ruddy Turnstone												
Sanderling												
Western Sandpiper												
Least Sandpiper												20
Short-billed Dowitcher											one	
Laughing Gull								1				
Royal Tern			one						three			
White-crowned Pigeon			one			one	3	two		eight		
White-winged Dove			Jan (20)									
Zenaida Dove				1	one				one		two	
Common Ground-Dove		2				one	2	three	7	nine		
Cayman Parrot												
Mangrove Cuckoo												
Smooth-billed ani	five	22	five	4	eight	7	four	10	eleven	26	twenty-3	5
Antillean Nighthawk												
Belted Kingfisher					one							
Caribbean Elaenia										1		
Gray Kingbird						five	1	five	21	one		
Loggerhead Kingbird												
Cliff Swallow	twelve	2	one									
Cave Swallow												
Barn Swallow				20	fifty	75	twenty-one			4	twenty-8	32
Gray Catbirds							five					
Northern Mockingbird	one		two	7	one	4	five	6	seven	8	three	
Prairie Warbler												
Vitelline Warbler	1	1										
Palm Warbler	2	2		12								2
Northern Waterthrush					two						two	
Common Yellowthroat												
Bananaquit												
Yellow-faced Grassquit												

**UNIDENTIFIED
BIRDERS:**

[Some served for all 12 months, others for shorter periods]

Passerines on the wing and some species of shorebirds are not listed, being hard to confirm

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OBJECTIVES of the birders:

1. Improve identification skills
2. Learn more about birds in their environment on Cayman Brac
3. Provide useful and required information to CIAA (airport authority)

OTHER NOTES

1. Nomenclature follows checklist of Birds of the Cayman Islands (c. P.E. Bradley 2000)
 2. Chickens were found within the fenced airport area more often than not; some other wildlife (one cat, one iguana).
 3. The reference book Birds of Cayman Brac by Keith Prescott proved very reliable and helpful, along with the standard references: Bradley (Birds of CI); Raffaele, ed. (Birds of the WI); National Geographic (Birds of N. America) and others.
 4. This sheet shows selected patrols only. Statistical analysis was left to outside consultants on Grand Cayman.
 5. The ponds are vital for the health of our environment, already severely compromised. Why fly to a barren island?
 6. The best note-taking evolved when we divided the runway into only 3 sections -- east, central and west.
- * **Note re March 6th** On this date we surveyed from outside the airport fence. This produced somewhat different results but was still within the mandate
- ** **Note re September 18th** Having 5 birders we deployed two of them outside the fence. They produced the same birds as the others, plus semi-palmated sandpiper, brown boobies, g-b herons and a s-b dowitcher.
- *** The explanation for birds listed but not numbered in the columns is: we show only one patrol for each month, not eight.