

## 7 Birdlife International Important Bird Area Species

Birdlife International has identified that the Dutch Caribbean has 23 Important Bird Areas distributed over the 6 islands. They cover 293 km<sup>2</sup> of land (or 65% of the islands' surface area), and a further 156 km<sup>2</sup> of coastal waters up to 1km from the shore. Only 60% of the areas have any protection from the most common threats of human disturbance from recreation, predation by invasive species such as cats, rats and mongoose, and pollution from various sources.

Three species have been highlighted by BirdLife International as having particular conservation importance within the Dutch Caribbean; Yellow-shouldered Amazon (*Amazona barbadensis*), Pearly-eyed Thrasher (*Margarops fuscatus*), Caribbean Elaenia (*Elaenia martinica*). The Dutch Caribbean is a home, breeding site or stop over for 9 Globally threatened species, 13 Restricted range species, 10 Biome- restricted species, 12 globally important congregations and 10 regionally important species congregations.

### Conservation priority sites

IBA	Reason
San Nicolas Bay Reef Islands	High number of IBA species, not protected, significant threats.
Fresh Pond, St Maarten	High number of IBA species in small-unprotected area.
Little Bay, St Maarten	High number of IBA species in small-unprotected area.
Tierra del Sol Saliña, Aruba	Very small area for Caribbean Coot
Washikemba-Fontein-Onima, Bonaire	High number of species not protected
Saba	High number of species not protected <sup>3</sup>

### Limited distribution species sites

Common Name	IBA	IBA #	Island
Black Noddy	San Nicolas	AW004	Aruba
Brown Noddy	San Nicolas	AW004	Aruba
Brown Tumbler	The Quill,	AN008	St. Eustatius
Audubon's Shearwater	Saba	AN006	Saba
Bridled Tern	San Nicolas	AW004	Aruba
Roseate Tern	San Nicolas	AW004	Aruba
Sooty Tern	San Nicolas	AW004	Aruba
Yellow-shouldered Amazon	Dos Pos,	AN010	Bonaire
	Lac Bay,	AN013	
	Washikemba-	AN011	
	Washington-	AN009	
Brown Pelican	Fort	AN004	St Maarten
	Pelikan Rock,	AN005	
Bridled Quail-dove	Saba	AN006	Saba
	The Quill,	AN008	St. Eustatius
Red-billed Tropicbird	Saba	AN006	Saba
	Boven, Sint	AN007	St. Eustatius
Caribbean Flamingo	Little Bay,	AN001	St Maarten
	Pelkermeer	AN014	Bonaire

<sup>3</sup> Saba's IBA is mostly on public land and is not within a defined protected area

## 7.1 IBA Species

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<i>Amazona barbadensis</i>	Yellow-shouldered Amazon	•	•							•	•						•			•					Also on Ven. Is
<i>Anous minutus</i>	Black Noddy	•																							
<i>Anous stolidus</i>	Brown Noddy	•																							
<i>Cinclocerthia ruficauda</i>	Brown Trembler				•	•																•			
<i>Elaenia martinica</i>	Caribbean Elaenia		•	•	•	•	•																		
<i>Eulampis holosericeus</i>	Green-throated Carib				•	•	•					•													
<i>Fulica caribaea</i>	Caribbean Coot	•	•	•			•																		
<i>Geotrygon mystacea</i>	Bridled-quail dove				•	•																•	•		
<i>Larus atricilla</i>	Laughing Gull	•					•																		
<i>Loxigilla noctis</i>	Lesser Antillean Bullfinch				•	•	•																		
<i>Margarops fuscatus bonairensis</i>	Pearly eyed thrasher		•		•	•	•							•											Also on Ven. Is
<i>Orthorhyncus cristatus</i>	Antillean Crested Hummingbird				•	•	•					•													

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<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>	Bare-eyed Pigeon	•	•	•																					
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	Brown Pelican		•	•	•	•	•										•							•	
<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	Red-billed tropicbird				•	•															•	•			
<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	Caribbean Flamingo	•	•	•			•					•								•					
<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	Audubon's Shearwater		•	•	•	•	•										•				•				
<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>	Bridled Tern	•																							
<i>Sterna antillarum antillarum</i>	Least Tern	•	•	•	•	•	•										•								
<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	Roseate Tern	•	•	•	•	•	•										•								
<i>Sterna fuscata</i>	Sooty Tern	•																							
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Common Tern	•	•	•																					
<i>Sterna maxima</i>	Royal Tern		•				•																		
<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	Sandwich Tern	•	•																						