

Important bird records from Alagoas, Pernambuco and Paraíba, north-east Brazil (3)

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Este é o terceiro artigo da série sobre importantes registros de aves nos estados brasileiros de Pernambuco, Paraíba e Alagoas. Apresentamos informações sobre a ocorrência de 25 espécies em áreas de Caatinga, Floresta Atlântica e áreas costeiras. Para Alagoas reportamos sete registros inéditos: *Ardea cocoi*, *Penelope jacucaca*, *Pluvialis dominica*, *Leucophaeus atricilla*, *Sterna paradisaea*, *Coccyzus americanus* e *Piprites chloris*. Para a Paraíba, são reportadas sete novas ocorrências: *Anous stolidus*, *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*, *Sterna paradisaea*, *Cercomacra laeta*, *Synallaxis hellmayri*, *Geothlypis aequinoctialis* e *Progne subis*.

This is the third publication concerning novel bird records for the states of Paraíba, Alagoas and Pernambuco^{13,14}, in north-east Brazil. Many records are documented by photographs or sound-recordings. We report the habitat in which records were made—*Caatinga*, Atlantic Forest and/or coastal areas—and their significance. Avifaunal lists for Pernambuco and Paraíba were used to verify status therein^{1,22}. For Alagoas we checked the relevant literature as there is no state list. Seabird identification was made using specialised guides^{4–6}. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the South American Classification Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union (SACC), version 22 February 2014. Geographical coordinates are reported at first mention of each locality. We provide the registration number (WA) of photographs archived at Wikiaves (www.wikiaves.com.br). We report records for 25 species, including seven new for Alagoas and seven for Paraíba, and present additional information for other species rarely recorded in the three states.

Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*

In Pernambuco mentioned previously for the municipality of Águas Belas². Four observed and two photographed in *caatinga* at Uruás, municipality of Petrolina (09°22'S 40°30'S), on 12 January 2014 (ACQ; Fig. 1). A nest with six eggs was photographed there (ACQ; WA1213098). According to local people, these individuals originate from escapees, more than 15 years ago. Now there are many breeding in the region.

White-browed Guan *Penelope jacucaca*

Endemic to the *Caatinga*, but no published records in Alagoas. Three observed, with one sound-recorded and one photographed in *caatinga* at Serra Grande, municipality of Pão de Açúcar, on 30

June 2013 and 5 October 2013 (PPR; WA1001036, WA1109920).

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Two observed (one photographed) at a lake in the municipality of Pão de Açúcar (09°34'S 37°19'S), on 17 and 20 December 2013 (PPR; WA1186768, WA1204384). First record for Alagoas.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*

No published records for Alagoas. Two observed (one photographed) at the São Francisco River, municipality of Pão de Açúcar, on 11 December 2012 (PPR; WA770969). One was predated by Southern Caracaras *Caracara plancus*.

Grey-hooded Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

No published records for Paraíba. One photographed flying over the coast at João Pessoa (07°06'S 34°49'W) on 16 July 2013 (FAS; WA1026175).

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*

No previous records for Alagoas. A juvenile photographed at sea c.3 km off the coast at Baixo de Dom Rodrigues, municipality of Coruripe (10°07'S 36°10'S), on 31 December 2013 (AVSJ; Fig. 2; WA1251975).

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*

No published records for Paraíba, where one was photographed at Praia do Coqueirinho, municipality of Conde (07°15'S 34°54'S), on 25 March 2010 (EMS; Fig. 3; WA157165).

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*

In Pernambuco mentioned just once, for the municipality of Petrolina¹⁵. One photographed twice over the São Francisco River, municipality of Petrolina, on 3 March 2013 and 2 June 2013 (ACQ; Fig. 4; WA994151, WA900304).



Figure 1. Greater Rhea *Rhea americana*, Petrolina, Pernambuco, Brazil, January 2014 (Adelmo Coelho Queiroz)

Figure 2. Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*, Coruripe, Alagoas, Brazil, December 2013 (Aldir Júnior)

Figure 3. Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus*, Conde, Paraíba, Brazil, March 2010 (Emerson Souto)

Figure 4. Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*, Petrolina, Pernambuco, Brazil, March 2013 (Adelmo Coelho Queiroz)

Figure 5. Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*, Pão de Açúcar, Alagoas, Brazil, October 2013 (Pedro Pereira Rodrigues)

Figure 6. Pearly-breasted Cuckoo *Coccyzus euleri*, Murici, Alagoas, Brazil, December 2013 (Sergio Leal)

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

No published records for Paraíba or Alagoas. One photographed at a reservoir in *caatinga* in the municipality of Conceição, Paraíba (07°33'S 38°30'S), on 11 November 2013 (FAS; WA1151662). In Alagoas one photographed at the São Francisco River, municipality of Pão de Açúcar, on 12 October 2013 (PPR; Fig. 5; WA1140123).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus*

No previous records for Alagoas. One photographed in *caatinga* in the municipality of Pão de Açúcar on 14 July 2013 (PPR; WA1015148).

Pearly-breasted Cuckoo *Coccyzus euleri*

In Alagoas there is just one record³, lacking documentation. One photographed in Atlantic



Figure 7. Moustached Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes falcirostris*, Conceição, Paraíba, Brazil, November 2013 (Frederico Acaz Sonntag)

Figure 8. Purple Martins *Progne subis*, Conceição, Paraíba, Brazil, January 2014 (Frederico Acaz Sonntag)

Figure 9. Black-throated Saltator *Saltator atricollis*, Petrolina, Brazil, September 2012 (Antonio Nobre de Almeida)

Figure 10. Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*, Petrolina, Pernambuco, Brazil, November 2013 (Adelmo Coelho Queiroz)

Figure 11. Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*, Buique, Pernambuco, Brazil, September 2012 (Arthur de Paula)

Figure 12. Screaming Cowbird *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*, Pão de Açúcar, Alagoas, Brazil, December 2013 (Pedro Pereira Rodrigues)

Forest at Estação Ecológica de Murici, municipality of Murici (09°12'S 35°00'S), on 23 December 2013 (SL; Fig. 6; WA1191797).

Broad-tipped Hermit *Anopetia gounellei*

In Alagoas known only from the municipality of Olho d'Água do Casado⁸. One photographed in

caatinga at Serra da Mão, municipality of Traipu, on 11 October 2011 (SL; WA469736).

Willis's Antbird *Cercomacra laeta*

No previous records for Paraíba. One photographed in Atlantic Forest at Reserva Particular do Patrimônio Natural (RPPN) Gargaú, municipality of Santa Rita (07°01'S 34°57'W), on 27 June 2011 and 26 July 2011 (FAS; WA403858, WA381976).

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyrglena leuconota*

In Paraíba known only from the municipality of Areia¹⁹. A male photographed in Atlantic Forest at RPPN Gargaú, municipality of Santa Rita, on 20 December 2011 (FAS; WA403858; WA550480).

Moustached Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes falcirostris*

In Paraíba just two records, from the municipality of Coremas^{18,23} and in the Serra da Santa Catarina⁷. One photographed in *caatinga* in the municipality of Conceição on 6 November 2013 (FAS; Fig. 7; WA1195670).

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*

In Alagoas there are two records^{16,19} of *C. t. trochilirostris*, which inhabits coastal forests from Bahia to Pernambuco¹⁷. *C. t. major*, which occurs from Ceará to Piauí¹⁷, was photographed and sound-recorded in *caatinga* at Riacho do Farias, municipality of Pão de Açúcar, on 1 August 2013 (PPR; WA1036847, WA860227).

Red-shouldered Spinetail *Synallaxis hellmayri*

No previous records for Paraíba. One photographed in *caatinga* in the municipality of Junco do Seridó (06°59'S 36°42'W) on 13 February 2011 (FAS; WA298226) and two at Sítio Cachoeira dos Poncianos, municipality of Conceição, on 27 December 2013 (FAS; WA1195631).

White-throated Kingbird *Tyrannus albogularis*

Three published records in Pernambuco, from the municipalities of Petrolina, São José da Coroa Grande and Bezerros^{9,11,12,14}. One photographed in *caatinga* at Uruás, municipality of Petrolina, on 23 February 2014 (ACQ; WA1255736).

Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris*

Recently recorded in southern Pernambuco, near the border with Alagoas^{13,21}. Three were observed and sound-recorded in Atlantic Forest, municipality of Maragogi (08°53'S 35°13'W), on 27 October 2010 (GAP). First record for Alagoas.

Purple Martin *Progne subis*

No previous records for Paraíba. A flock numbering thousands was observed flying over the city of

Conceição, on 14 January 2014, and photographed perched on pylons (FAS; Fig. 8; WA1215266).

Black-throated Saltator *Saltatricula atricollis*

In Pernambuco known only from the municipality of Petrolândia¹⁰. One photographed in *caatinga* in the municipality of Petrolina on 27 September 2012 (AEMNA; Fig. 9; WA759856).

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*

In Pernambuco just one record, from Petrolina¹⁰. One photographed in *caatinga* at Tapera, municipality of Petrolina, on 21 November 2013 (ACQ; Fig. 10; WA1160883).

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*

In Pernambuco known only from a specimen taken in the municipality of Brejão and now in the American Museum of Natural History, New York²⁰. A male photographed in Atlantic Forest (*brejo de altitude*) at Serra do Vento, municipality of Belo Jardim (08°19'S 36°25'W), on 11 August 2013 (ASP; WA1156938). Two males and a female observed (the male photographed) in *caatinga* at Catimbau, municipality of Buíque (08°37'S 37°09'W), on 28 October 2013 (ASP; Fig. 11; WA1162983).

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*

No published records for Paraíba, where one photographed at RPPN Gargaú, municipality of Santa Rita, on 5 June 2012 (FAS; WA730305).

Screaming Cowbird *Molothrus rufoaxillaris*

Just one recent record in Alagoas, in the municipality of Pão de Açúcar, where a juvenile was photographed¹⁴. At the same locality, several flocks were observed and an adult photographed and sound-recorded on 18 December 2013 (PPR; Fig. 12; WA1188865; WA1188837).

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