

season in September and not in July or August. All stores on main street are required by law to maintain Danish customs of architecture including massive iron doors.

St. Thomas Island, Virgin Islands.

July 4, 1957

Contacted Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Anderson of the National Park Service. Mr. Anderson has been with the Park Service for a few months and was formerly with the Geological Survey. He is to appraise the land value and measure the areas of land now occupied by the natives of St. John Island. The Andersons are living on French Hill. In the afternoon the Andersons took us to the Hubler residence at Wintberg where the Natl Park Service had acquired a home and land for the officials. Mr & Mrs Hubler now reside there. Mr. Hubler informs me that he saw a Capromys on St. John Island. I will get the details at a later date as this is a new record for the island. The cays between St. Thomas and St. John are now populated with boobys, noddy tern, another species of tern and several other kinds of birds. Ground doves are also on these islands and may be using them as places of refugia from the mongooses of the main island. On islands used by mongooses the birds are adjusting by nesting in those places in trees where mongooses are not able to go. The mongooses are now becoming stabilized in ecological relationship with the other bird and animal forms. The larger doves are mountain doves. Mr. Hubler is anxious to acquire more land, especially those areas of beach and marine communities. Bufo marinus is present at Wintberg, an introduced form. Five species of lizards are present also and several snakes. A large tarantula digs holes about 1-inch in diameter into the ground and is numerous. Wintberg will be used as area for housing N.P. personnel. Returned to 1829 Hotel and after photographing flamboyant tree (570704-1) in front of hotel, went to see Thomas Cunnery at the government building to pick up permits for collecting in the Virgin Islands. A subsequent contact with Mr. Hubler revealed additional information about Capromys. It was seen 120 yards from Congo Rock N E of Charlotte Amalie in 1939 about Christmas time. July 4, 5, and 6 were spent at St. Thomas waiting for details to be worked out with Mr. Hubler and in getting final equipment and supplies ready.