

Lameshur, St. John Island, Virgin Islands

July 18, 1957

Checked trap line from Lameshur to Bordeaux (see table for results). Watched an Anolis crustellus capture a butterfly (2 inches wide, reddish-orange with black body dots) by jumping 10 feet in 3' intervals in a split second. The lizard then went to a small tree and after climbing 1 foot turned itself upside down and remained about a minute without moving, then finally consumed the insect. I have noticed that near the upper limits of the mountains the yucca and silver palms extend their central stalks above the trees which would indicate the forests are no returning to higher growth level or that the yucca and palm have this particular habit of sending their floral or vegetative parts above the tree level. The leaves of these plants are in shade below the other trees. Several of the traps were completely covered with small granular pebbles by either ants, termites, crabs or some other animal. Photo (570718-1) of mangos fruit from tree near <sup>highest</sup> divide of Bordeaux Road. Photo (570718-2) of Grassquit nest at about 500 foot level of Lameshur Road.

July 19, 1957

Checked trap line from Lameshur to Bordeaux (see summation on table of July 17). Fruit of mangos ripe and is being eaten by pearly eyed thrasher. Continued to top of mt. Bordeaux but when on top could not see much beyond because of trees. Did not find trail and going difficult. Examined several garden plots of natives but in each case the areas seemed to be mismanaged or neglected. I am wondering if the government is subsidizing them. Returned to Lameshur (these trap inspection are made on foot) and investigated peninsula east of Lameshur Bay. Photo (570719-16) of old bent frangipanni tree on cliffs of wave eroded rocks. no. (570719-17) of dead stump on beach and cliffs. no. (570719-18) wave action at point. Photo taken into sun. (570719-19) half submerged rock with waves surrounding and over the top. no. (570719-20) of wave action over rocks of various colors - some plant material. These photos taken at south end of peninsula. This peninsula is overgrazed extensively by goats and the entire ground is bare except a multitude of cacti. As much disturbed as this peninsula is, it is still extremely interesting because of the cacti and associated wave action. Many ground doves and mountain doves nest here and white-crowned