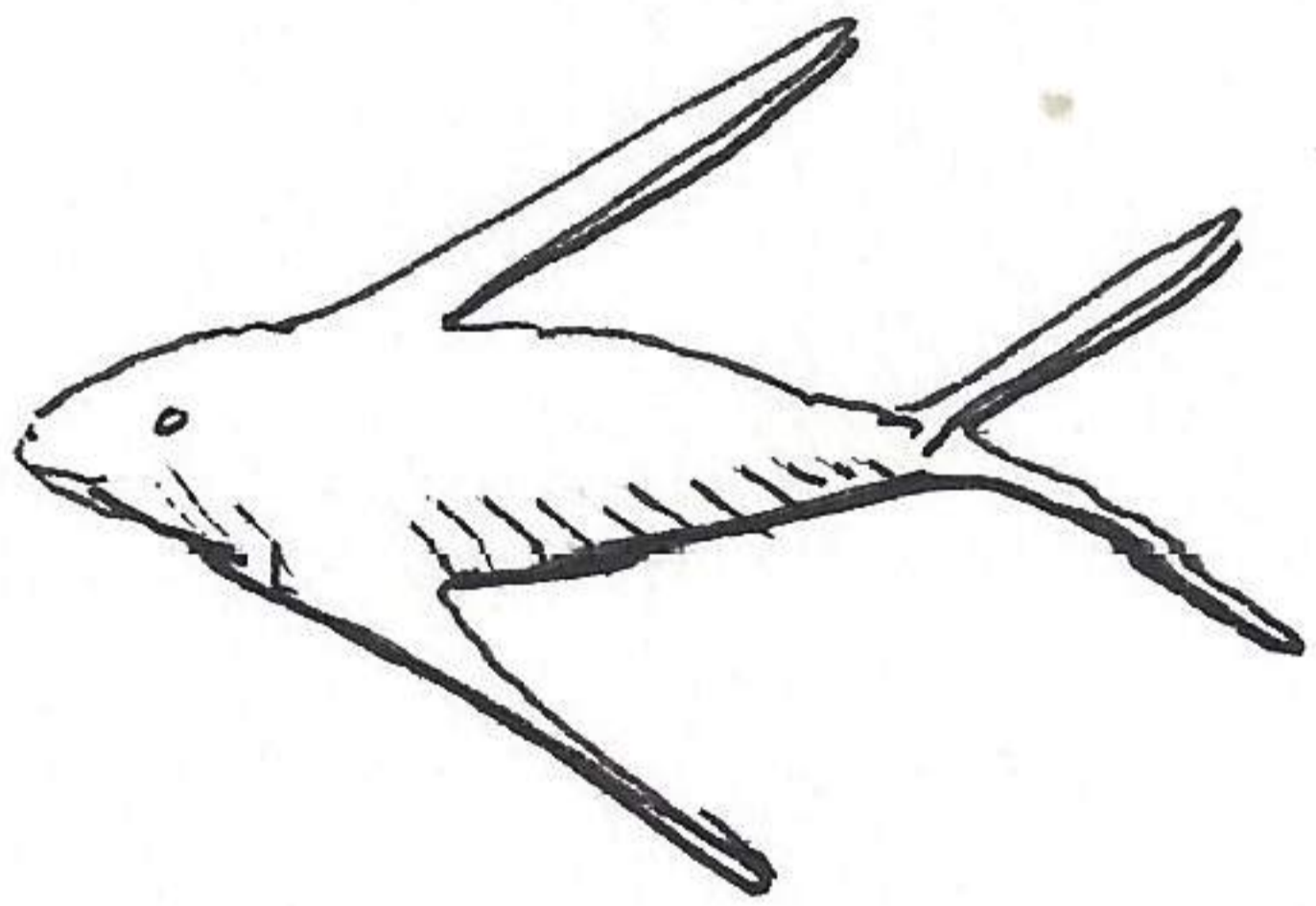


remained on the N. end of the Cay and a pair of laughing gulls acted as if they had eggs or young. Only 4 female Anolis cristatellus were seen on the island. Return to Caneel Bay Resort Plantation and returned to Lameshur by jeep on regular road. On way back from Caneel Bay counted 32 pearly-eyed thrashers. On the previous day we counted 52 of these birds between Lameshur and Caneel Bay. These birds are most numerous about 2 miles east of Caneel Bay where there is considerable fruit growing. Also in higher elevations of the island and in lower valleys grown to high trees. One mockingbird was noted at Caneel Bay.

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Photographed a trunk fish (570722-1) presented by James Mathias. The flesh of this fish is without bones and is a very delicate texture. The hard case eliminates the need of muscles or body support and so the meat is white and tender. This evening photographed (570722-2) theⁿ east end of Lameshur Bay about 1 1/2 hr. after sunset. While swimming today a barracuda came to within 20 feet and was interesting but did not come closer. One sting ray fish fed on sand bottom 50 feet from shore. A purple sea urchin set two stingers in my third right finger. The spine penetrated 1/8 inch and left a purple base. The skin turned white surrounding the area of the nematocyst.



A white, transparent fish is associated with the sandy beach at NE side of Lameshur Bay where sands are uninterrupted from high beach to deep bay. They are not found where gravel is part of the beach. A school of these fish (10) swam in an unconcerned manner with a barracuda 30 feet away. They have a tremendous capacity for speed and frequently hit the sand in swimming by. They swim 3 or 4 feet from one (a person) and always try to get in back of you. Commotion draws them nearer. A hawk-billed turtle swam among coral reef in same area as yesterday but further to the south along the shore. Mr. Alfred George caught three turtles today in nets set near entrance of Lameshur Bay.

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Departed this morning, 9:00 A.M., for Caneel Bay to arrange for boat trans-