

the flashlight was shone on them, they flew to another part of the cave. They called continuously. When alighting on the wall they alighted upside down. They climbed the walls in reverse direction. As this cave had a water floor, there was no guano. The highly colored corals may be produced as result of guano placed directly in water. These red, yellow and purple inside the cave are brighter than any color of corals outside the cave. One sea urchin had 3 or 4 white spines among the purple ones. The small fish were so numerous that it was impossible to see the bottom of the cave. Larger fish 3 or 4 feet long, some yellow stripes down back, were in deeper water on the outside of cave. Two laughing gulls were at the cave when we arrived. As was the case in cave no. 2, the females were suckling young nearly the size of the adults. Photo (570726-3) and (570726-4) of these caves. Left Norman Island and at Romshead Point found rough water. C.B. Mary put us ashore at Lameshur. These larger boats stir sands and debris in the bay and in time will do irreparable damage to the reefs of coral. In skinning the bats, I found the breast muscles to cling to the skin when being prepared. The breast muscles are not as tough as those of Artibeus. The tail varies from 8-10 mm. I have noted that bats in caves with water floors are in better condition with fewer ectoparasites than in caves with earth floors and guano deposits. This evening noted a female Anolis cristallinus with a young lizard of the same species 1 inch long in its mouth. The young was dead. Photo (570726-5) of beach at Lameshur in evening.

Lameshur, St. John Island, Virgin Islands

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Prepared bats today. Mr. O'Connor, who has a garden on top of Bordeaux says: A large pig digs his garden at night and he cannot catch it. This pig destroys all newly planted things. He claims that this pig was one of several that escaped from a woman living at Reef Bay. It will take a pack of dogs to track it down. These pigs or boars can kill and eat a human. The native people are living on fish, meats, fruits and some items they purchase at the store.

Lameshur, Virgin Islands

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Drove to Caneel Bay and joined Mr. MacFarlane and his staff