

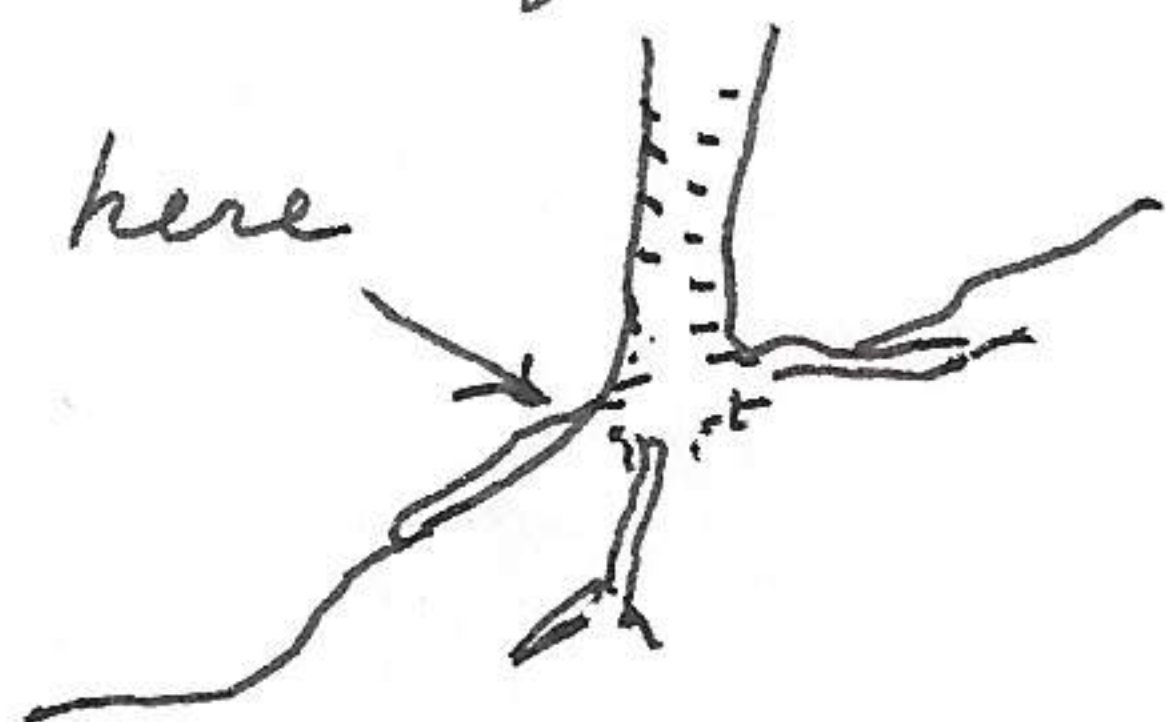
Trails of Ameiva lead from edge of water to top of highest wave deposited beach. Ameiva is also found on mountain slope above the beach area but in fewer numbers. They prefer the high tree, level ground, sandy but supporting dead leaves, not too many nor not too few. Retreat areas are necessary. Most of these lizards start to move or are noticed at about 12-15 feet. They move slowly and deliberately until shot. Sometimes one will run for 40 feet or so without stopping. They are frequently seen digging out debris from under rocks or searching each dead leaf on the ground. At sundown the sunrays bisected the top of Tabago where Linda Folk says there are motmots. The fry, a small 1 to 2 inch silver fish, frequently, in invading prey fish, jump up onto land, several dozens will perish. These fry have been boiling the water all afternoon. These fry move in groups of thousands and when swimming, they will pass by and around you like by the thousands. There were no bats observed this P.M.

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Collected on Cay today. The following birds have been noted on this island today: Brown pelican, Florida blue, laughing gull, booby, sooty tern, noddy tern, frigate bird, pearly-eyed thrasher, yellow warbler, ground dove, mountain dove, smooth-billed ani, honey creeper, red-tailed hawk, emerald throated hummingbird, gray kingbird, great blue heron. This afternoon collected several Ameiva and an Alsophis antillensis. When first observed, the snake was resting at the base of a tree as if waiting for lizards.

An Ameiva was 8 feet away. The snake left suddenly and moved rapidly up around the roots of the tree and then into the rocks three



feet away where it disappeared. The rocks were removed and the snake was exposed. This den could have been used as a regular retreat. It would be interesting to know if the tree and den were associated and if this is unusual relationship. The speed in which this snake retreated to the rock den would indicate previous knowledge of the den. The den had three openings and was about 9 inches deep.

The native people say

