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**Willet breeding in Los Roques archipelago, Venezuela.**—The Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) is a winter resident or visitor throughout the Caribbean and Middle America, and migrates in South America to Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil; up to this time, to my knowledge, it has been known to breed only in temperate North America and locally in the Bahamas, Greater Antilles, and the northern Lesser Antilles. In Venezuela the two subspecies have been taken on the

north coast and in the Caribbean islands: the eastern *C. s. semipalmatus* every month of the year and the western *C. s. inornatus* in August.

On 20 May 1974 two local fishermen landed on Isla Larga, an uninhabited island near the center of Los Roques archipelago, and one of them almost stepped on a Willet that flushed from its nest with four eggs, near coral rubble in a level sandy stretch sparsely covered with grass, 24 m from the water's edge. They recognized the familiar bird by its conspicuous black and white wing pattern but had never seen it nesting before. A week later the other fisherman, Florencio Narváez, caretaker of my houseboat 'Ornis II' in Los Roques, returned and found the bird still incubating the four eggs. On 14 June, when I visited the site with Florencio and was collecting the grass nest and fragments of the eggshells, we were met by a very alarmed Willet.

The behavior of the parent indicated that young birds were hidden in mangroves 300 m away from the nest, near a lagoon. For 2 h we remained near the lagoon watching the parent through 8 × 56 binoculars. It never flew more than 100 m away from us and persisted in emitting an interminable series of "kek-kek-kek-kek's," uninterrupted when either flying or resting nearby on coral debris. Nesting Least Terns (*Sterna albifrons*) frequently attacked the noisy bird.

This nesting record extends the known range of the Willet 730 km southeast of Beata Island, Hispaniola and 650 km approximately south of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the two breeding localities nearest to Los Roques (Bond 1971, Birds of the West Indies, London, Collins).

On reexamining the series of 24 specimens in the Phelps Collection I found a nominate *semipalmatus* male with large testes (16 × 8 mm) and a female with large granular ovary, which I had collected 18 April 1953 on Espenquí, an island in the Los Roques group adjacent to Isla Larga; the pair probably had been about to nest.—WILLIAM H. PHELPS, JR., *Colección Ornitológica Phelps, Apartado 2009, Caracas 101, Venezuela*. Accepted 27 Aug. 74. (This paper was subsidized by the author.)