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Abstract. The author present record of *Fulica caribaea*, or Caribbean Coot in wetland of Aruba, Caribbean 17 and 26.11.2013. A rare video and photo record of this species in this region.

The Caribbean Coot (*Fulica caribaea*) is a bird of Rallidae family which restrict range and endemic in some islands of Caribbean, and north Venezuela (TAYLOR,1998).

More specifically, native: Anguilla; Antigua and Barbuda; Aruba; Barbados; Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba; Cuba; Curaçao; Dominican Republic; Guadeloupe; Haiti; Jamaica; Martinique; Puerto Rico; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Sint Maarten (Dutch part); Trinidad and Tobago; Turks and Caicos Islands; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of; Virgin Islands, British; Virgin Islands, U.S. Vagrant: Colombia; Dominica; Grenada; Montserrat; Saint Lucia; Saint Martin (French part); Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (IUCN 2013).

Fulica caribaea lives near water (freshwater) of lakes, lagoons, ponds and open marshes and wetlands (TAYLOR,1998)

As a result of studies and surveys conducted on the Aruba island, from November 2010 (PROGRAM AMBIENTAL: A ÚLTIMA ARCA DE NOÉ, 2013), on 16, 17 and 20 November, 2013, in the morning, the author observed and recorded by photo (below), video and sound (IBC, 2013) several individuals of *Fulica caribaea* feeding on the lagoon of Bubali Bird Sanctuary (12°33 '41.56 " S/70°02'54.09"W).

In Aruba this species is rare to watch. So that records of *Fulica caribaea* with documents (photos, videos) in the wetlands of Aruba, can helping more knowledge of this species and its protection.



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Bubali Bird Sanctuary, Aruba, Caribbean, 16.11.2013.



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Bubali Bird Sanctuary, Aruba, Caribbean, 17.11.2013.



Bubali Bird Sanctuary, Aruba, Caribbean, 20.11.2013.