

Belize and Tikal

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Friday 15th February

Flight from the UK

Day 2

Saturday 16th February

We arrived at Philip Goldson International Airport at Belize City on time in the late morning. After completing formalities we met our local guide Ivar, boarded our bus and set off towards our hotel at Burrell Boom. We made a brief stop along the way at a roadside wetland and began our Belizean birding with Purple Gallinules, Northern Jacanas, Limpkins, White Ibis and Tricoloured Herons – a lovely start.

Arriving at Burrell Boom we settled in, ate lunch and had a brief siesta before driving a short distance west to Bermudan Landing where we visited the “Baboon” Sanctuary. A local guide led us into the small community run reserve and we enjoyed sensational close encounters with a family group of “baboons” aka Mexican Black Howler Monkeys. These are an endangered species restricted to Belize, the Yucatan Peninsula and adjacent parts of Guatemala and it was a privilege indeed to get so close to them, especially as the group included a small juvenile and a tiny infant.

Along the way on this fine afternoon we saw a good range of common and not so common Belizean birds including a Sungrebe on the Belize River, three species of Kingfishers, Acorn Woodpecker, Vermilion Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Magnolia Warbler, American Redstart, Yellow-winged Tanager, Yellow-throated Euphonia and both Baltimore and Black-cowled Orioles – not bad!

Day 3

Sunday 17th February

Some early morning birding around our hotel at Burrell Boom produced fabulous views of a range of exciting birds including Black-headed Trogon, Red-lore and White-fronted Parrots (a useful comparison), Lined Woodpecker, Black-crowned Tityra, Brown Jay, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Orchard Oriole and lots more.

After breakfast we drove north to the famous Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary and went out on a boat tour around the lagoon and up a narrow marsh-fringed channel known as Spanish Creek. Snail Kites and Ospreys soared overhead, great rafts of American Coots, Pied-billed Grebes and Ring-necked Duck sat out on the open water and the shallow margins were alive with Wood Storks, White Ibis, Limpkins, Jacanas and a variety of herons and egrets. A clear highlight was a mighty Jabiru that stood head and shoulders above the surrounding Wood Storks and later, as we crept up Spanish Creek, we enjoyed lovely views of several Boat-billed Herons, three Agami Herons (!), a pair of Black-collared Hawks and at least three superb Pygmy Kingfishers.

We ate lunch at the pleasant Bird's Eye View Lodge, took a walk up along the entrance track, during which we saw a Grey-necked Wood-Rail, some Olive-throated Parakeets, a Yellow-breasted Chat and a pair of Hooded Orioles, and then we headed back towards Burrell Boom. One last stop en-route, at an area of open grassy fields at Baker's Ranch, produced Scissor-tailed and Fork-tailed Flycatchers and some Eastern Meadowlarks and marked the end of a superb day's birding during which we had seen over 120 species!

Day 4

Monday 18th February

Another pre-breakfast session brought us more views of Red-lore and White-fronted Parrots plus a Plain Chachalaca, a White-eyed Vireo and a surprise Canada Warbler. After breakfast we left Burrell Boom and drove north past Crooked Tree and on to Tower Hill Landing near Orange Walk town. Here we transferred to a splendid little speed-boat and in no time we were roaring up the New River towards Lamanai. It was overcast but warm and as we twisted and turned our way along the river we noted a juvenile Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, several Boat-billed Herons, a Great Black Hawk, Belted and Ringed Kingfishers, dozens of Mangrove and Rough-winged Swallows and a number of roosting Long-nosed Bats.

We arrived at Lamanai in time for lunch and after a brief siesta we set out on a walk with local guide Maurice. We headed up to the airstrip and noted a satisfying range of birds including White-necked Puffbird, Golden-fronted Woodpecker, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Black-headed Saltator, Masked Tityra, Yellow-throated and Hooded Warblers and Spot-breasted Wren. We finished the day with a nocturnal boat ride out on the lagoon during which we saw several Morelet's Crocodiles, a couple of Pauraques, two more Agami Herons and another Pygmy Kingfisher.

Day 5

Tuesday 19th February

The early birding this morning was sensational and in a short space of time close to the lodge we saw Collared Aracari, Squirrel Cuckoo, Chestnut-coloured and Golden-Olive Woodpeckers, Barred Antshrike, Northern Bentbill, Stub-tailed Spadebill, Mangrove Vireo, Green-backed Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cacique, Yellow-tailed Oriole and Black Catbird – wow!

After breakfast we took a short boat journey to the nearby Lamanai Mayan site and spent the rest of the morning exploring these wonderful and atmospheric ruins under the expert guidance of Maurice and Ivar. The birding was excellent too and during the course of the morning we enjoyed great views of a soaring King Vulture (first seen by some of us from the top of one of the pyramids), Keel-billed Toucan, Mottled Owl, Slaty-tailed, Black-headed and Violaceous Trogons, Pale-billed Woodpecker and lots more. A couple of troops of Howler Monkeys further enlivened things and a neat little Rainforest Toad ensured that reptiles and amphibians were not ignored.

After lunch and a lengthy siesta we took a late afternoon walk through the forest to the famous 15th Century Spanish Church (now just a ruin). It was hot and although things were quiet at first, persistence eventually paid off and we were rewarded with nice views of Dusky-capped and Great-crested Flycatchers, a Chestnut-sided Warbler and a surprise Swainson's Warbler, a lifer for most of us and the only one seen on the trip.

Day 6

Wednesday 20th February

Shortly after dawn we set off in the boat across the lagoon and up the narrow, winding Dawson's Creek to an area of pine savannah. It was beautiful out there in the early morning mist and as things warmed up we enjoyed good views of a pair of Aplomado Falcons, a Yucatan Flycatcher, several Grey-crowned Yellowthroats, a male Northern Cardinal, four Botteri's Sparrows and an explosive bevy of Black-throated Bobwhites. A Laughing Falcon perched up on a creek-side tree and a Sungrebe flying across our bows enlivened our journey back and it was a happy crew that sat down to a well-earned breakfast.

Later in the morning we explored the trails back towards the Spanish Church and found some more good birds including Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, Blue Ground-Dove, Purple-crowned Fairy, Plain Xenops, Yellow-olive Flycatcher and Blue Bunting. Lunch and a siesta followed and then in the late afternoon we embarked on a sunset "booze-cruise" out on the lagoon. This was very much enjoyed by all; a very pleasant hour or two chugging sedately along the edge of the lagoon on a comfortable raft, quaffing drinks, eating nibbles and watching out for birds and other wildlife. At our furthest point we stopped to view a Jabiru nest in the upper fork of a huge tree on the other side of the lagoon. We could clearly see one of the adults brooding three downy chicks. As we watched, the brooding adult flew off and was replaced by its partner who promptly began to feed the youngsters – lovely!

Day 7

Thursday 21st February

We left Lamanai after breakfast and headed back down the New River. Purple Gallinules, the usual herons and kingfishers, three Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and a drake Muscovy Duck enlivened the journey and a Lesser Nighthawk roosting in a creek-side tree sat tight as we approached, confident in its perfect camouflage. At Tower Hill we transferred our luggage from boat to bus and noted a neat Green-breasted Mango feeding at some Bougainvillea flowers before continuing our journey to Belize Airport where we were to meet the vehicles from Pook's Hill.

With the second transfer completed we drove on to Belize Zoo near La Democracia where we spent a pleasant hour or so enjoying the excellent and well-kept collection of Belizean animals. Top of the bill for most were the Jaguar and the Harpy Eagles – the stuff of dreams!

We ate lunch at a roadside restaurant with a Common Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow-faced Grassquits and, appropriately enough, a Roadside Hawk in the garden. After this we drove on to Belmopan where we took a short break to walk around the centre and government buildings of this most low-key of capital cities. A little further on we reached the village of Teakettle and turned off south towards the Maya Mountains visible in the distance. The rough track led into lovely forested hills and soon we reached the delightfully positioned Pook's Hill Lodge.

After some time to settle in and enjoy the various hummingbirds zapping around a large flowering tree by the dining area we finished the day with a short walk and chalked up a nice little list of other sightings that included Mealy Parrot, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, Eye-ringed Flatbill, Purple Honeycreeper and Montezuma's Oropendola.

Day 8

Friday 22nd February

We started the day with some birding around the lodge clearing and enjoyed good views of White-crowned Parrots, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Thrush-like Schiffornis, Yellow-throated Vireo, Crimson-collared and Summer Tanagers and Scrub Euphonia.

After breakfast we explored along some of the lower, riverside trails and saw some more good birds including two roosting Spectacled Owls, a soaring White Hawk, a neat little Stripe-throated Hermit, three noisy Band-backed Wrens and our first Louisiana Waterthrush. A couple of tiny Deppe's Squirrels and a handsome Silky Anole added further interest and concluded a satisfying morning.

Lunch and a siesta followed, with some of the group opting for a gentle "tubing" session down the river. To the uninitiated tubing involves floating down river in a large inflated tyre inner tube. Everything depends on the current of course but our little stretch of the so-called Roaring River was gentle enough whilst we were there and it was refreshing indeed to sit back and float downriver enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the forest. Green Kingfishers and a Prothonotary Warbler flashed past as we proceeded and we finished the outing with a swim up to a group of Long-nosed Bats roosting in characteristic fashion on the shady underside of an overhanging branch. In the late afternoon we went for another short walk which brought us some fabulous views of Keel-billed Toucans and a stunning male White-collared Manakin.

Day 9

Saturday 23rd February

Blue-crowned Motmots and White-whiskered Puffbirds around the clearing at dawn and a pair of Rufous-tailed Jacamars in the meadow a little later started the day off well before, with breakfast finished, we took to the "Highland" trail. This led us through some excellent forest and brought encounters with a range of interesting birds including Slaty-tailed and Blue-crowned Trogons, Squirrel Cuckoo, Dusky Antbird, Dot-winged Antwren, Barred Antshrike, Kentucky and Golden-crowned Warblers and a male Black-throated Shrike-Tanager.

After lunch and our customary siesta we spent a little time looking at the local Mayan ruins with David, one of the lodge managers, and then finished the day with another local walk which was pretty quiet for birds but ended with superb views of Kinkajou feeding on the fruits of a Cecropia tree. True to form it was nearly as interested in us as we were in it and regularly broke off from its feeding to sit and watch us down below looking up!

Day 10

Sunday 24th February

After a last bit of early morning birding at Pook's Hill which produced a Slaty-breasted Tinamou, a pair of White-breasted Wood-Wrens and a colourful flock of Black-faced Grosbeaks we took to the road, bound for Guatemala! Our route took us back out to Teakettle and then through a rolling landscape of farmland, forest and small villages. A Black Hawk Eagle soaring with a group of vultures enlivened the journey and we arrived at Benque Viejo del Carmen and the border a little after 10am. With formalities completed we crossed into Guatemala and drove on through the late morning. We made a stop for coffee and arrived comfortably at Tikal in time for lunch.

With our lodge situated in rich forest and close to the famous ruins we couldn't have hoped for a better base and in the late afternoon we set off to explore. Our first excitement was a large troop of Central American Spider Monkeys in the trees right by our cabins. These superb animals kept us amused for some time as they moved through the foliage above us, feeding on fruit and demonstrating their amazing agility and the usefulness of those prehensile tails. Moving on we found a couple of Agoutis pottering around in the leaf litter and then a group of astonishing Ocellated Turkeys, complete with blue heads and orange warts – very bizarre!!

At some ponds near the entrance we watched a sizeable Morelet's Crocodile cruising around trying not to be seen and then we took a walk up towards the nearest part of the great complex of Mayan ruins. Vaux's Swifts twittered around overhead, Red-lore and White-crowned Parrots screeched in the tree-tops and a Kentucky Warbler showed itself very well in the shady undergrowth. We reached the first main plaza just as the sun was setting and soaked up the atmosphere of this remarkable place as the full moon rose over one of the high temples – wonderful! A short walk back to the lodge by the light of the moon completed a long but very enjoyable day.

Day 11

Monday 25th February

Most of us were out at first light exploring the car park area and "Wrigley's Runway" and in a short space of time we saw a lovely range of birds that included Collared Aracari, Pale-billed and Lineated Woodpeckers, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Masked Tityra, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Black-throated Green Warbler and Montezuma's Oropendola.

After breakfast we set off on a long exploration of the Mayan ruins with an excellent local guide. We were all hugely impressed with what we saw; I think we were unprepared for the scale and majesty of the site and we all enjoyed the way that the ruins, surrounded as they are by dense forest, seem to suddenly appear out of nowhere. The wildlife was good too - we saw some more Spider Monkeys, a White-nosed Coati, a very smart Mexican Red-rumped Tarantula and a rich variety of birds including Long-billed Hermit, Slaty-tailed Trogon, Ivory-billed Woodcreeper, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Ridgeway's Rough-winged Swallow and Painted Bunting.

In the late afternoon some of us went back out to Wrigley's Runway and were rewarded with good views of a Canivet's Emerald, a Scaled Pigeon, a White-browed Wren and best of all, that Holy Grail of neo-tropical birds, a Pheasant Cuckoo. This fantastic and normally very shy creature was busy anting out in the open at the side of the track – amazing!

Day 12

Tuesday 26th February

A Crested Guan and a lovely pair of Chestnut-coloured Woodpeckers were the highlights of this morning's early birding and after breakfast and a short wait for our vehicles we left Tikal and headed back towards Belize. Everything went according to plan and we were back over the border just after noon. We ate rice, beans and stewed chicken lunch at San Ignacio and then drove on towards Belize City. We reached the relaxed municipal airport and were soon airborne and flying out over azure blue sea and mangrove clad islands towards Ambergris Key and San Pedro. As we approached we could see the surf line of the barrier reef a few miles offshore to the east –an impressive sight. Upon arrival we transferred to our comfortable beachside hotel and spent the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Some went out to explore and a range of birds seen included Brown Pelicans, Magnificent Frigatebirds, Laughing Gulls and Royal Terns.

Day 13

Wednesday 27th February

We were out at dawn again exploring the gardens, scrub and ponds close to the hotel. A satisfying range of birds included Common Ground-Dove, Yucatan Vireo, Black Catbird, Mangrove Yellow Warbler and a lovely Sora Rail.

After breakfast we set off towards the barrier reef in two speed-boats with two very professional snorkelling guides. We snorkelled at two sites in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve, including the famous Shark Ray Alley. The water was calm and warm and a great time was had by all as we got close encounters with Green Turtles, Spotted Eagle Rays, Southern Stingrays, Black Groupers, Black-tipped Reef Sharks, Great Barracudas and lots more.

We were back in time for lunch and a siesta and then in the late afternoon we went for another local walk and found a Wilson's Snipe, a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Tennessee and Parula Warblers, two Philadelphia Vireos and a Caribbean Elaenia – not bad!

Day 14

Thursday 28th February

Some last early morning birding produced a wealth of warblers including a fine male Black-throated Blue plus another Yucatan Vireo, two more Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, lots of Black Catbirds and repeat views of the Sora.

With breakfast and packing completed we said goodbye and thank-you to Ivar who had been an excellent local guide and then set off for the local airport and the short flight back across to the mainland. This time our destination was the international airport and having collected our baggage we walked the few yards to the American Airlines desks and checked in for our flights to Miami and London. We'd come full circle...

Day 15

Friday 1st March

Return to the UK

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Species List

Birds (h= heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	February													
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
1	Slaty-breasted Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus boucardi</i>								1	1					
2	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	1	300	6	2	1	5					2			
3	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	3	500	130	30	30	30		1	10		30			
4	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>											10	4	2	
5	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	1	10			1	1								
6	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>		21												
7	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>											12	30	5	
8	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	1										25	30		
9	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	1	3	1	1	1	1						2	1	
10	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	5	20	1	1	2	2						2	2	
11	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	4	12	4	1	3	3			1		5		1	
12	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	2	12	6	1	3	8					1	1		
13	Great White Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	10	300	20	5	5	10			1		3	1		
14	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	10	10	10			12			10		15		10	
15	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	2	15	1		8	12				1	1			
16	Agami Heron	<i>Agamia agami</i>		3	2											
17	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>			3			1						1		
18	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	10	5		5	3								
19	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearia</i>		8	7		3				1					
20	Bare-throated Tiger-heron	<i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>		3	2		1	2								
21	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	8	30	10			1				3	6			
22	Jabiru	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>	1	2			5									
23	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	20	50	25		12	5								
24	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		12												
25	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>		10										1		
26	Black-bellied Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>						3								
27	Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>						1								
28	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	1	100											2	
29	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>		50												

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
30	American Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	50	100's	100	50	50	100	30	20	100's	15	100's		
31	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	8	10	10	5	10	15	5	5	25	3	25		
32	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	1	15	4			5							
33	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>				1			1	1					
34	American Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>			1						3				
35	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>		20	12	2	10	10					1		
36	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>							1						
37	White Hawk	<i>Leucopternis albigollis</i>							1	1	1				
38	Common Black-hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>											1	2	1
39	Great Black-hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>		3	1				1						
40	Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>		2			1								
41	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	3	6	3	1	3	3		1	3	2	2		
42	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>				3									
43	White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>			3			2							
44	Black Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>									1				
45	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>		15	2	1	1						2	3	1
46	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>		1			1				1h				
47	Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>						1							
48	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>												1	
49	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>					2								
50	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>		2		1	1	1	3						
51	Plain Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>			2	5	5	10		3	2	4	1		
52	Crested Guan	<i>Penelope purpurascens</i>											1		
53	Ocellated Turkey	<i>Agriocharis ocellata</i>									12	20	20		
54	Black-throated Bobwhite	<i>Colinus nigrogularis</i>					12								
55	Ruddy Crake	<i>Laterallus ruber</i>			1h										
56	Grey-necked Wood-rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	2	3	3	1	1				1	1	2		
57	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>											1	1	1
58	American Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	5		1			1							
59	Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1										1		
60	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	5	100's							20		30	1	
61	Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	1				1								

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
62	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	1	25	2	1	10	5								
63	Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>	15	25	5		2	2					2			
64	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	3	11							2		30		15	
65	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>											2			
66	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>											6			
67	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>												1	2	
68	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>												1	1	
69	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>		1h										1	1	
70	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>		1									1	2	2	
71	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	1	6	1						1		3	5		
72	Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>											1		1	
73	Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>												10		
74	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>												5		
75	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>		8										5	4	
76	Ring-billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>												1		
77	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>											1			
78	Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>											15	25		
79	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>		25												
80	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>		20												
81	Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>											7	15		
82	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>												7		
83	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>												2		
84	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	20													
85	Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>										1				
86	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	1	5	5		12	100			20	4				
87	Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>							2h	2h	1+2h					
88	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>			1								1	10	4	
89	Common Ground-dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>												6	4	
90	Ruddy Ground-dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	4	8	5			10			5		5			
91	Blue Ground-dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>				1	4			5	2h					
92	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>											2	4	2	
93	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>		2	3	2h	h	1	3h		1					

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
94	Grey-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila plumbeiceps</i>				1+1h				2						
95	Olive-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga nana</i>	2	15	60	10		15		1	5	12	10	6	5	
96	White-crowned Parrot	<i>Pionus senilis</i>				8			1		5		5			
97	White-fronted Parrot	<i>Amazona albifrons</i>	1	5	10	30	5	30		5	5	4	5			
98	Yellow-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona xantholora</i>					1									
99	Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>		6	10	10		5	20	6	10	10	5			
100	Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>						1	2							
101	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>		1		3	1		2	1	1					
102	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	12	15	12			5			10		2			
103	Pheasant Cuckoo	<i>Dromococcyx phasianellus</i>										1				
104	Mottled Owl	<i>Strix virgata</i>				1										
105	Spectacled Owl	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>						1	3	2	1h					
106	Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>						1								
107	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albigollis</i>		1	3	1		3	1	1	2					
108	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>			6			1	2		50					
109	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>		1	2	2			2							
110	Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis superciliosus longirostris</i>						1	2	1	1	1				
111	Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i> [Little]	1			1	1		1							
112	Scaly-breasted Hummingbird	<i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i>						1	2	1	1					
113	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>						5	5	5	2					
114	Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>		2	1			1								
115	Canivet's Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon canivetii</i> [Fork-tailed]	1									1				
116	White-bellied Emerald	<i>Amazilia candida</i>						1	2	2	1	1	3			
117	Cinnamon Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia rutila</i>											1	5	3	
118	Buff-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia yucatanensis</i>					1									
119	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	5	10	10	10	12	8	10	5	8	2	1			
120	Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>					1	2	2	1		1				
121	Slaty-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon massena</i>				2				2		1	1			
122	Black-headed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanocephalus</i>	2	1	1	5	1	2	2	4	1	2				
123	Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>				2					1	2				
124	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	1	10	10		10	8					2	1		
125	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>	1	6	7	1	8	10								

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126	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	2	1	1		1	3	2	1						
127	American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>		3	1			1								
128	Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i> [Lesson's]				2			1h	5	3h					
129	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>								2	1h					
130	White-necked Puffbird	<i>Notharchus macrorhynchos</i>			2		1									
131	White-whiskered Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila panamensis</i>								2						
132	Collared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>			2	5	1		1		6	2	10			
133	Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>				1			6	4	4	2	2			
134	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	4				3									
135	Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>						2	3	2	2					
136	Golden-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes aurifrons</i>	1	3	3	1		3	1	1	1	2	4	5	2	
137	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>												1	2	
138	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>					1									
139	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>		1	1h	2					1h	1h				
140	Chestnut-coloured Woodpecker	<i>Celeus castaneus</i>				1			1h				2			
141	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	1	1		1	1					1	1	1		
142	Pale-billed Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>	1			2			1	1h	1+1h	2				
143	Tawny-winged Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla anabatina</i>							1							
144	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>				1						2				
145	Ivory-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus flavigaster</i>	1h			1h	3	2	1	2		1				
146	Scaly-throated Leaftosser	<i>Sclerurus guatemalensis</i>							1h							
147	Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>				2	1			2		1				
148	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>									1h					
149	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>				5	2	1		1						
150	Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhopias quixensis</i>								2						
151	Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>							2h	1+2h	1					
152	Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>			1h				1h							
153	White-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus candei</i>					1	3	5		1	1	1			
154	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>				1			1	1	1	2				
155	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>										1				
156	Common Tody-flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	1h	1	1			1	1h	1h	1h					
157	Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion semiflavum</i>				1							1h			

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158	Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>					1		2							
159	Caribbean Elaenia	<i>Elaenia martinica</i>												1		
160	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	1h	1			2h	1h								
161	Northern Bentbill	<i>Oncostoma cinereigulare</i>				1	1		1h	1h		1h				
162	Eye-ringed Flatbill	<i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>						1		1		2				
163	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>	1h				3					2	1			
164	Stub-tailed Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus cancrornis</i>				2	1h			1h	2h	2h	1h			
165	Amazonian Royal-flycatcher	<i>Onychorhynchus coronatus</i>					1			1						
166	Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius barbatus sulphureipygius</i>								2	1					
167	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>	1h		1h											
168	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>							1		1	1				
169	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>		2		1	1		1			2		1		
170	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>							2							
171	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	6	25	5		2	3					5			
172	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>			1h	1h						1h				
173	Yucatan Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus yucatanensis</i>					1									
174	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>				1			3	2	2		1			
175	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>				1	1									
176	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>									1	4	2			
177	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>			1		10							2		
178	Couch's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus couchii</i>			1		1					1	2			
179	Tropical/Couch's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus/couchii</i>	10	20	15	5	5	25			5	8	12	5	5	
180	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>		1												
181	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	10	12				1					1			
182	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>			2		3	1	1			2	2	1		
183	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	7	20	10	6	10	5			8	10	8	2	3	
184	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	10	15	8			5	4	1	10	3	8	4	2	
185	Thrushlike Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis turdinus</i>							1+1h	1h		1h				
186	Rose-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>	1		1											
187	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>			1				2		3	4	5			
188	Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	2	6	3				1							
189	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>		10			200+									

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190	Mangrove Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>	10	30	30	10	15	10					10	5		
191	Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	4	2			2					20				
192	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	20	15	5			1			2					
193	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	20	25	50	5	30	5					10			
194	Ridgway's Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ridgwayi</i>									10	30				
195	Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>						2	3	1						
196	Spot-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus maculipectus</i>	1		4	6	8	2	2	5	2	4				
197	White-browed Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus albinucha</i>										1				
198	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	4	4	2								1			
199	White-bellied Wren	<i>Uropsila leucogastra</i>								2h	1h					
200	White-breasted Wood-wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>					1			2	3					
201	Grey Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	1	12	6	8	7	2	8	8	5	6	4	6	5	
202	Black Catbird	<i>Melanoptila glabrirostris</i>				2	1	1						15	15	
203	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	15	20	25		10	20					7	20	10	
204	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	1	6	1	4			1	1	2	3				
205	Clay-coloured Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	15	20	10		1	3	3	3	8	12	8			
206	Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>				1h										
207	Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>		4			5	1	1		2	1				
208	Yucatan Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yucatanicus</i>		2												
209	Brown Jay	<i>Psilorhinus morio</i>	6	15	20	10	12	15	7	4	5	20	10			
210	Green Shrike-vireo	<i>Vireolanius pulchellus</i>								1h						
211	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	1		3	1	1	1				1				
212	Mangrove Vireo	<i>Vireo pallens</i>				4	1			1		2			1	
213	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>		1	1				1		1	1	1			
214	Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>												1	2	
215	Yucatan Vireo	<i>Vireo magister</i>												1	1	
216	Tawny-crowned Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i>							1							
217	Lesser Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>				1	1		2	4	2	6	1			
218	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>				1			1							
219	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>							1							
220	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>												3	2	
221	Northern Parula	<i>Parula americana</i>												2	1	

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222	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia aestiva</i>	5	8	7	8	3	2		1	2	2	3	6	5	
223	Mangrove Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia erithachorides</i>											1	3	2	
224	Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>				1	1		2		2	2				
225	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	2	10	10	10	8	6	3	5	5	8	4	1	2	
226	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>													1	
227	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i> [Myrtle]		3							2	1	1			
228	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Dendroica virens</i>				2	1					1	1			
229	Virginia's Warbler	<i>Dendroica virginiae</i>		1										1		
230	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>		2	1	2				1	1		1	1	3	
231	Palm Warbler	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>												1	2	
232	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	1	8	2	1	3	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	
233	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	8	4	7	3	4	4	4	2	4	3	4	2	
234	Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>							1							
235	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>				2	1		1			1				
236	Swainson's Warbler	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>				1										
237	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>		1	1	2	1	1			1	1				
238	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	2	6	6	4	1	1			1		1	2	1	
239	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>							2	2						
240	Kentucky Warbler	<i>Oporornis formosus</i>				1				1	1	1				
241	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>		1	1		3	1						3	2	
242	Grey-crowned Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis poliocephala</i>					4									
243	Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>		1	1	6	3	1		2	1	2				
244	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>								1						
245	Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>			1				1							
246	Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>								5						
247	Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>		1	1				1							
248	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>												1	1	
249	Grey-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	1				1									
250	Black-throated Shrike-tanager	<i>Lanio aurantius</i>								1		1				
251	Red-throated Ant-tanager	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>				5	7		3	7	6	8				
252	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	1	4	2	1	3	4	6	4	3	5	6	4	2	
253	Crimson-collared Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus sanguinolentus</i>							2		1					

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254	Passerini's Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i> [Scarlet-rumped]							2						
255	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	3	5	1						2	2	2	1	
256	Yellow-winged Tanager	<i>Thraupis abbas</i>	2	2	2	1	1	2	2		2	2	2		
257	Scrub Euphonia	<i>Euphonia affinis</i>			1				4	3					
258	Yellow-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>	1		6	3	7	12	10	4		2			
259	Olive-backed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia gouldi</i>			2		1		5						
260	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	2				3	5	6	7	2				
261	Botteri's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila botterii</i>					4								
262	Green-backed Sparrow	<i>Arremonops chloronotus</i>			1	2	2	1					2		
263	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>		2				5						2	1
264	Variable Seed eater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>		1				2	2						
265	White-collared Seed eater	<i>Sporophila torqueola moreletii</i>	4	100+	25	3	3	5	10	5	15	6	10	12	10
266	Thick-billed Seed-finch	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis funereus</i>		3											
267	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>						2							
268	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>		4	3				1	3	2		1		
269	Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>			1		2								
270	Black-faced Grosbeak	<i>Caryothraustes poliogaster</i>							12	8	12				
271	Black-headed Saltator	<i>Saltator atriceps</i>	1		3	2	2	2	5	3	4	1	2		
272	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>							1	5	3				
273	Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	1												
274	Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>				1h			1h	1h	2				
275	Blue Bunting	<i>Cyanocompsa parellina</i>				1	5	1							
276	Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>			1					1				1	
277	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>			8			5	1	3	20	4	3		
278	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>										1			
279	Montezuma Oropendola	<i>Gymnostinops montezuma</i>	2	1	1			50	6	2	8	1	1		
280	Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>	1h	2	2	3	3	1	h	h	3	1			
281	Yellow-tailed Oriole	<i>Icterus mesomelas</i>				3	5								
282	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	4	15	5	1	3	5	6	4	4	2	1		
283	Hooded Oriole	<i>Icterus cucullatus</i>		5	4	2	3						4	10	4
284	Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>		5	2			8	6	3	3				
285	Black-cowled Oriole	<i>Icterus prothemelas</i>	2	5	3	2	2		3	3	2		2		

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286	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		30			1	30							
287	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>		3							1				
288	Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>	6	10	10	10	6	8			8	20	20	5	10
289	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	50	100	25	5		25			50	10	50	50	30

Mammals

1	Virginia Opossum	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>								1					
2	Grey Four-eyed Opossum	<i>Philander opossum</i>				1									
3	Long-nosed Bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	5		10				25	27	31				
4	Central American Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>									6	4	5		
5	Yucatan Black Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta pigra</i>	8			10	7		h	h	h	h	h		
6	Kinkajou	<i>Potos flavus</i>						1		1					
7	White-nosed Coati	<i>Nasua narica</i>		2							12	1			
8	White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>											1		
9	West Indian Manatee	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>													1
10	Central American Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>						2			2	2			
11	Yucatan Squirrel	<i>Sciurus yucatanensis</i>				1	1	1		3	2	1	1		
12	Deppe's Squirrel	<i>Sciurus deppei</i>							1	3	1	3	1		

Reptiles and Amphibians

Species seen included: Cane Toad, Rainforest Toad, Green Sea Turtle, American Slider Turtle, Morelet's Crocodile, Green Iguana, Black Iguana, Striped Basilisk, Central American Whiptail, Silky Anole and House Gecko.