

St Lucia

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 14th January 2023



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Grey Trembler by Shirley Bain



Antillean Crested Hummingbird by Shirley Bain



Lesser Antillean Saltator by Sandra Bateman

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Summary

The paradise island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean was the perfect destination for 11 Naturetrek clients and their guide to escape the British winter. We stayed at the award-winning Anse Chastanet hotel resort with its rooms, better described as individual chalets, nestled in the surrounding lush hillside with exotic birds all around including Zenaida Doves, Bananaquits, Lesser Antillean Bullfinch and the enigmatic Grey Trembler often taking scraps of food from balconies.

We had a planned programme each day which included trips out with expert local guides looking for the Island's endemic birds, boat trips to look for cetaceans, a rainforest aerial tram tour and an amazing culinary experience at Emerald Organic Farm with two top chefs cooking a delicious alfresco meal. We encountered many colourful butterflies, lizards and a couple of cetaceans rarely seen at sea. The temperature averaged 28°C all week with a just few showers throughout.

Day 1

Friday 6th January

Gatwick 7°C – Hewanorra 28°C

Our 10am flight to St Lucia landed at 3pm local time and we were through customs and onto the waiting bus to take us to our luxury accommodation in good time. Two guests would be arriving on a later flight.

A daytime flight allowed us to get the list off to a good start with several common birds seen on the way including Grey Kingbird perched on telegraph wires with Cattle Egrets, Collared Doves and Carib Grackles feeding along the grass verges. A Barn Swallow and a Broad-winged Hawk were identified through the bus windows as we made our way through Soufriere with St. Lucia's famous landmarks, Gros Piton and Petit Piton rising majestically from the verdant land.

The colourful shops and attire of the people along the roads made for a relaxing atmosphere and Magnificent Frigatebirds drifted above the bay as we navigated a way through the haphazardly parked vehicles before reaching the road up to Anse Chastanet. Our driver, Claudius, told us that guests he'd taken up the steep and pot-holed road said it hadn't changed since they first visited 30 years ago and remains a subject of discussion.

We were greeted at reception by Jonathan and the ever-attentive staff and offered their special 'Benson' alcohol-free cocktail made with grenadine and lime and allocated our rooms for the duration of our stay. A pair of Scaly-breasted Thrashers reminded us that optics should be unpacked at the earliest opportunity!

We met for our evening meal in the Treehouse Restaurant where we chose from a wide variety of dishes and discussed the plans for the coming days serenaded by Lesser Antillean Whistling Frogs and other unfamiliar sounds. Our two remaining guests arrived as we were finishing our meals with introductions made before we all retired for the night, alarm clocks set for breakfast at 7am.

Day 2

Saturday 7th January

Anse Chastanet, Anse Mamin and surrounding woodland. 28 °C rain showers.

We were awoken by the gentle cooing of Zenaida Doves after heavy rain during the night. A number of new birds frequented the restaurant at breakfast including Lesser Antillean Bullfinch and Carib Grackles and any unattended fruit or cereal is involuntarily shared with these opportunists. A Grey Trembler attempted to steal cereal from an enclosed container and was photographed for evidence. After breakfast, our scheduled walk began with a very informative chat by Meno, the hotel's local bird guide and knowledgeable 'nature man' as a Carib Grackle displayed to its reflection in a mirror. Broad-winged Hawk and American Kestrel soared above while a Tropical Mockingbird peered at us through a bougainvillea-covered trellis. The photographers reached for their cameras as a starling-sized Lesser Antillean Saltator with its olive plumage and finch-like bill fed on date palms as we made our way down to the beach.

Brown Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds shared the airspace with Brown Pelicans and a Belted Kingfisher flew low over the water before rising up and landing on the jetty, whilst slightly further along the path Meno spotted a Yellow-crowned Night Heron in the vegetation trying its best to avoid our gaze and eventually settling out of sight. A Western Osprey perched above us as it dried its wings after an unsuccessful dive, as we made our way towards Anse Mamin.

As we ventured into the forest, Meno pointed out various trees including African Tulip and Calabash, St Lucia's national tree, and explained that if they had elephants they'd be scratching themselves on the sharp spines of Silk-cotton trees, or 'ouch-ouch' tree as Meno likes to call them. He demonstrated his magic on *Mimosa* leaves and ordered them to curl up at his touch, a defense strategy developed to avoid being eaten. Green-throated Carib and Antillean Crested Hummingbirds fed high on the flowering trees against the blue sky as we made our way along the trail where newly sprouting Coconuts began their growth into tall trees.

As we reached the sugar processing plant, Meno told of the horrific treatment of slaves and the punishment to those who attempted to flee their cruel captors. To locate runaway slaves hiding in caves, highly deadly Fer-de-lance snakes were released onto the island. Since the abolition of the slave trade possums and mongoose were released to control the snakes, which in turn caused other species to become critically endangered or extinct by preying on them and now create their own problems for the wildlife.

A hollow tree was home to Antillean Free-tailed Bats and a Purple-throated Carib Hummingbird flew through the window of a dilapidated building to feast on the insects and spiders inside, a large orb spider attracted photographers' interest while a longhorn beetle with its huge antennae hid behind a window hatch.

Butterflies including Orcus Checkered Skipper, White Peacock and Little Yellow were plentiful as we approached a reservoir where adult and juvenile Little Blue Herons were disturbed as we approached, and a Spotted Sandpiper scurried away upstream. St. Lucia Black Finch was difficult to locate as it fed low down on the forest floor. A St. Lucia Pewee was located on call and an elusive Black-whiskered Vireo disappeared into the branches before Meno could call it back into view.

A pair of St. Lucia Warblers fed close to the path unconcerned with our presence as we made our way back and the photographers increased their ISO settings to get shots of these grey and yellow warblers in the dark understory, the third of the island's endemic birds seen within a short distance. Further along the track Meno demonstrated his party-piece by breaking off a fern and pressing it against his arm which made a temporary tattoo, a popular pastime for school children.

A Broad-winged Hawk was spotted perched on a broken tree in a clearing giving excellent views of a bird usually seen in flight and looking remarkably similar to a Common Buzzard we'd see back home. We ambled back along the path and met up for lunch at the beach restaurant where Monica gave us an orientation talk. We spent the afternoon relaxing in our rooms, snorkeling or trying out the gym as a short, welcoming shower cleared the air.

We discussed the next morning's outing over dinner in the Treehouse Restaurant while a band playing Bob Marley, reggae and calypso music entertained those in the lounge area before we returned to our rooms to prepare for an early morning start.

Day 3

Sunday 8th January

Denner Bay, Quillesse Rainforest Reserve, Moule A Chique, 28 °C mostly sunny.

We gathered for our 5.30am start as our guide, Willow, arrived and packed lunch boxes were loaded into the vehicles. We set off to explore sites on the east of the island and arrived at Denner after about two hours and walked up a narrow track in the search for White-breasted Thrasher. This species is restricted to two small regions in St Lucia and one area on the island of Martinique and recent research suggests they could be separate species.

Caribbean Eleania, St. Lucia Pewee and Antillean Crested Hummingbird gave good views as a Grey Trembler quivered its wings in the shadows. Antillean Mapwing butterflies cruised along the ride and a St. Lucia Warbler showed well while Willow tried to locate a calling White-breasted Thrasher - before it flew across the path and was lost to view. No amount of encouragement could bring it out so we tried another site a little further along the road.

St. Lucia Anole lizards held territory on a dumped washing machine and fought off rivals but the thrashers were not on show and it was time to leave for the forest where St. Lucia Parrot was the target bird.

We drove along narrow roads to the Des Cartiers Rainforest Trail, part of the Quillesse Rainforest Reserve, past banana plantations where farmers grow dasheen, a root vegetable with heart-shaped leaves, and dry tamarind bark for medicinal purposes. Here, the work is all done by hand with no machinery or electricity.

We walked up the steep, wet track where we heard the raucous call of St. Lucia Parrots and the melodic call of Rufous-throated Solitaire but neither could be located through the dense leaves. Willow pointed out various large trees including Magnolia and Blue Mahoe and described them as a 'one-stop-shop' for the parrots as they use them for food, roosting and nesting, as a Rufous-throated Solitaire appeared briefly at the side of the path giving our first view of this enigmatic and much sought-after bird.

As we approached the viewpoint bright orange Julia butterflies nectared on small flowers and it wasn't long before the first St. Lucia Parrots came into view as they flew noisily across the valley and into the dense forest opposite.

This forest is an essential roosting area for this endangered species, which may now number 2,500 free-flying individuals, the wild population of this species is slowly increasing from a few hundred birds in the 1970s. Nearly 50 years ago, a successful education programme was launched to inform the people of St. Lucia about the plight of their national bird and today's population of these long-lived birds is still small but greatly enhanced thanks to the efforts of conservationists of the time.

Antillean Crested Hummingbirds fed and preened while Purple-throated Caribs chased after each other as first a St. Lucia Black Finch came into view followed by another Rufous-throated Solitaire, keeping the photographers happy with clear views as it rested on moss-covered branches. Parrots continued to fly past as Willow located an elusive Antillean Euphonia, with its blue cap and yellow forehead, flitting above our heads.

The path back to the vehicles seemed less steep and muddy on the way down and we arrived just in time before the rain came as we ate our lunch.

Good numbers of day-flying Ornate Bella Moths flitted along the verges as we arrived at Moule a Chique where the road up to the cliffs was badly storm-damaged and unapproachable by vehicle so a short walk was in order. Willow pointed out an island off the coast where St. Lucia Racer Snakes are found. Once common, they are now the world's rarest snake and only found on this mongoose-free island and a special license is needed to visit. Arriving at the cliff-top, at least nine Red-billed Tropicbirds were circling around below us. These spectacular tern-like birds with their long tail streamers are rarely seen from land and are one of three tropicbird species globally.

We arrived back at Anse Chastanet in time for a spot of balcony birding before meeting again to complete the checklist and enjoy another à la carte meal in the Treehouse Restaurant.

Day 4

Monday 9th January

Dolphin watching off the coast of Anse Chastanet and Anse Mamin. Rain showers. 26-28 °C

We had a more leisurely start today and had time to enjoy the delectable breakfast options where Grey Trembler, Bananaquits, Lesser Antillean Bullfinches and Carib Grackles helped themselves to any unguarded fruit or cereals. The bullfinches and grackles were particularly adept at pilfering food.

We met on the jetty at 9am for whale and dolphin watching by boat. A vertical split in the cliffs along the coast forms a home for over 5,000 Antillean Fruit Bats and our skipper, Marcus skilfully positioned the boat so we could see the bats flying around inside before we headed out to look for cetaceans. A pair of Royal Terns distracted us for a while as they circled around the boat before a medium-sized cetacean leapt and seemed to hang in the air for a few seconds before splashing back into the sea. Marcus identified it as a Dwarf Sperm Whale, a species rarely seen at sea and occasionally encountered washed up dead on a Caribbean beach.

Activity up ahead revealed a small pod of Pantropical Spotted Dolphins as we watched flying fish drift by but they were in no mood for play and gave the briefest views so after almost three hours at sea we made our way back to the hotel with the spectacular Pitons looming up ahead as we prepared for a wet landing.

The afternoon was spent engaging in the activities offered by the hotel with the option of meeting up at 4pm for a walk to Anse Mamin where a Land Hermit Crab crossed our path and Spotted Sandpiper and Little Blue Heron were sheltering out of the sun. A St. Lucia Pewee sallied for insects from a barbed wire perch and a Grey Kingbird joined it on the same stretch of wire unconcerned with the cameras recording their movements. A Carib Grackle, with its pale-yellow eye looked resplendent as the sun caught the bluish-purple sheen of its plumage which can look black in dull light. Another pewee was located as we entered the woodland though the Green Heron previously photographed on the same rocks as the Little Blue couldn't be located and time soon caught up with us and it was time to return in time for dinner.

The entertainment tonight was a country-style band with a touch of Kenny Rogers and Neil Diamond for good measure. One sports fan in our group did well to resist swinging his arms above his head to the chorus of Sweet Caroline, much to our relief.

Day 5

Tuesday 10th January

Millet Nature Trail. Sun and showers 24-28 °C

A House Wren led the dawn chorus with Grey Trembler, Zenaida Dove and Bananaquits in support as we made our way to reception for our excursion to the Millet Nature Trail where we were greeted by Pamela and Kenwin. We signed in and began to walk along the open trail as Ken spotted two female St. Lucia Orioles partially obscured by branches, the 5th endemic seen on the tour. Whilst they're not as bright as the males, they were a welcome addition to the other endemic birds we'd seen on previous days. The call of a Mangrove Cuckoo attracted our attention as this large cuckoo with grey upperparts and peachy underparts came into view.

Coconut feeders lined the path and attracted a number of birds from the forest including both male and female St. Lucia Black Finch, the similar but more numerous Lesser Antillean Bullfinch and Grey Tremblers which allowed close approach. Ken was hopeful that we'd see parrots but they hadn't been seen here for some time and we had to make do with a Green-throated Carib as consolation, before a short shower had us reaching for our waterproofs.

We made our way back to the visitor centre and along a lower path with men sweeping leaves off the path to deter snakes. It was noted that they all wore Wellington boots, possibly for protection against venomous bites!

Lesser Antillean Flycatcher, slightly smaller than Grey Kingbird and with a lemony wash to the lower belly, favoured this area of woodland with four birds seen in quick succession. Up in the treetops the unmistakable black and yellow plumage of a male St. Lucia Oriole tested our neck muscles while a St. Lucia Warbler actively fed around us and a bat-like moth, a Black Witch, fluttered away from us.

As we made our way along the path, a thrush-like bird dropped into the vegetation and gave a brief view of its head with yellow eye-ring and bill and warm brown upperparts identified it as Spectacled Thrush, also known as Bare-eyed Thrush, as another bird sang a distance away.

We arrived back at Anse Chastanet in time for lunch and an afternoon of relaxing and for the photographers, tuition in camera settings as we practiced on Moth Orchids growing next to the lounge area.

The evening meal was a buffet in the beach restaurant where we met Karolin, the owner, and were treated to rum punch before helping ourselves to the delicious and varied food on offer.

Day 6

Wednesday 11th January

Castries, Rainforest Adventure Aerial Tram. 28 °C

Today's excursion to the capital, Castries, by boat for the Rainforest Adventure gondola ride was due to start at 8am giving us time for breakfast at 7am. Today's 'breakfast bird' was a Scaly-naped Pigeon that posed nicely. Jonathan and his crew, Tanya and Sanjay, collected us from the beach and we headed north towards the capital. The usual Magnificent Frigatebirds, Brown Boobies and Brown Pelicans were patrolling the sea as a small flock of Red-billed Tropicbirds flew over the boat, a most unexpected sighting. More expected were the Royal Terns as they alighted on a buoy but cetaceans eluded us we entered the port to be met by Junior, our bus driver, for the next leg of the journey.

We were issued our tickets and guides as we were allocated two separate trams taking us up and through the rainforest. Jean Claude told us he'd recently been to England where he'd picked up some Jamaican slang as we rose 600ft above sea level and pointed out the many varieties of trees and their medicinal qualities such as soursop which is served as a sorbet at Anse Chastanet. He told us that we were only 20 miles away from Martinique as a magnificent view opened up before us. Purple-throated Caribs and Antillean Crested Hummingbirds rested in the shadows as we cruised slowly past some of the tallest trees in the rainforest, Norfolk Pines, which were introduced from Norfolk Island in the Pacific.

Some of us opted for a guided tour around the gardens below where Bananaquits, Common Ground Doves, Purple-throated Carib and an obliging pair of Black-faced Grassquits extracted seeds from low-growing vegetation before we finished off at the café for a refreshing fruit juice.

We arrived back at the harbour at 1.30 and had our packed lunch on the boat as we cruised back to base arriving at 3pm after another enjoyable excursion. Those on the upper deck managed to see Green Turtles on the surface of the sea just before they dived as the boat approached.

Day 7

Thursday 12th January

Sulphur Springs and Emeralds Farm, humid 29°C

After a leisurely breakfast the bus arrived to take us to Sulphur Springs, known as 'the world's only drive-in volcano', just outside the main town of Soufriere named by the French and meaning sulphur mine. Our guide described the volcanic origins of the island as we watched the thermal activity of gurgling mud and steam as the smell of sulphur filled the air. She told us that tourists were once able to walk among the pools of boiling mud until a guide had an unfortunate accident and suffered burns from falling through the crust in an area now known as Gabriel's Hole in his memory.

The springs emerged approximately 300,000 years ago from a weak point in the earth's crust and the most recent volcanic eruption occurred in 1776. We could sense the guide's frustration as we were more interested in the Caribbean Elaenia, Mangrove Cuckoo and Antillean Flycatcher as we followed her along a nature trail.

We were met by Edwin and Imran at Emeralds, an organic farm of 550 acres, where fruit, herbs, vegetables and flowers are grown for Anse Chastanet and sister hotel, Jade Mountain. Chefs Elijah and Salvatore prepared the table for our meal while we were shown around the farm.

Edwin opened cocoa pods and invited us to taste them along with coffee beans, sorrel fruit and an assortment of leaves and bark and invited us to guess what they were. We were shown around the greenhouses and plant nursery while a keen-eyed member of the group noticed a flock of Lesser Antillean Swifts reeling overhead.

Long-tailed Skipper, Monarch and Gulf Fritillary butterflies patrolled the furrows as we were hurried along to the patient chefs awaiting our arrival. Chefs Elijah and Salvatore, Jade Mountain's top chefs who'd come up to the farm to entertain us with their culinary skills had prepared the table with banana leaves and multi-coloured vegetables and herbs freshly collected from the farm. Edwin appeared with a jug of Golden Wheat Ale from the farm's micro-brewery as Elijah and Salvatore began their demonstration, briefly interrupted by an American Kestrel with a lizard as photographers fired off shots of the kestrel and its meal.

No-one expected to be offered a Naked Fisherman to go with their meal, a local craft ale so named to provide entertainment when ordered from a bar, no doubt, but maybe a little strong at 7.5% for a lunchtime tipple. The Passion Fruit Ale at 4.75% was perhaps a more sensible option but we were on holiday.

The meals were sublime, an amazing blend of tastes exiting taste-buds with both fish and vegan dishes prepared from the freshest ingredients. For dessert and straight from the micro-brewery was Elijah's favourite tipple, Chocolate Stout.

We were offered ginger and tamarind to take home with us as we left for a relaxing afternoon back at Anse Chastanet - with the exception of one couple who couldn't open their safe ready for their early morning departure to Barbados. Passports and valuables were eventually removed undamaged with sighs of relief all round!

We gathered before dinner where Rajesh & Monica served us with fruit or rum cocktails before our last evening meal at Anse Chastanet as the band played jazz classics by Miles Davis and George Benson. We reflected on the amazing time we'd had and the varied excursions and other activities we'd enjoyed and wondered where the days had gone as we finished our meals and wished those departing early a pleasant trip.

Day 8

Friday 13th January

Dolphin Watching, sun & cloud 29°C

After breakfast, we met at the beach where the usual Spotted Sandpiper fed along the shoreline before the sunbathers arrived. Sally Lightfoot Crabs emerged from the rocks and began their daily battle for territory as our catamaran arrived for a wet boarding. As we rounded the bay beyond Soufriere we had a bizarre sighting of a hummingbird flying low over the sea. A local bird going for a fly around or an island hopper? St. Vincent is about

50 miles to the South. A single Pomarine Skua was also noted flying south. Cetaceans were eluding us again as a booby skimmed the horizon. After studying literature and identification of boobies in the region and with mixed opinions between Masked and Red-footed from the heavily cropped photos, the conclusion was reached that it was a Red-footed Booby based on bill colour and the amount of black showing in the secondaries of this distant bird.

We'd all but given up on any cetacean sighting as we headed back to shore when a call from the front of the boat alerted us to a leaping Pygmy Sperm Whale, another rare sighting to go with the Dwarf Sperm Whale seen on our previous trip.

We had our final lunch at the beach restaurant and said our goodbyes to another couple who were off to Trinidad for the second part of their exiting journey. Our taxi arrived to take us to the airport at 5pm as we glanced across the bay for our final views of the Pitons. We were through customs quickly although, bizarrely, those who hadn't checked in online took half as long to get through than those who had!

Day 9

Saturday 14th January

London 8 °C

The night-time flight allowed a few hours of sleep and reflection on the wonderful birds we'd seen and meals we'd enjoyed at Anse Chastanet, plus the friendly staff and the magnificent surroundings that will live long in the memories of the group.



Snorkelling by Sandra Bateman



Rufous-throated Solitaire by Shirly Bain

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	January 2023							
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>			9			5		
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelicanus occidentalis</i>		3	2	2	3	✓	✓	✓
Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>						1		
Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	5	3	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>		3		4	1	1	2	1
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>				1				
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax violacea</i>		1		1				
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>		1		1		1		1
Osprey	<i>Pandion hallaetus</i>		1		1				
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	1	2	2	1	1	1	✓	
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	1	1	2	1			1	
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>				2		8		
Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>						1	✓	✓
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scaly-naped Pigeon	<i>Patagioenus squamosa</i>		2	1	2	1	✓	✓	✓
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>			1					✓
Zenaida Dove	<i>Zenaida aurita</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Ground Dove	<i>Collumbina passerina</i>			2			2		
St Lucia Parrot	<i>Amazona versicolor</i>			9					
Mangrove Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>			1		1		1	
Lesser Antillean Swift	<i>Chaetura martinica</i>	5	6	✓	✓				
Purple-throated Carib	<i>Eulampis jugularis</i>		2	2			3		
Green-throated Carib	<i>Eulampis holosericeus</i>		2		1	1			
Antillean Crested Hummingbird	<i>Orthorhyncus cristatus</i>	1	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2
Lesser Antillean Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus oberi</i>			1		4			
Caribbean Elaenia	<i>Elaenia martinica</i>		1	2				1	
St Lucia Pewee	<i>Contopus oberi</i>		1	2	1	H			
Grey Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1							
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	H	1	1	H	H	H		1
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>		1					2	
Grey Tumbler	<i>Cinclocerthia gutturalis</i>	2	3	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scaly-breasted Thrasher	<i>Allenia fusca</i>	2				1		1	
Pearly-eyed Thrasher	<i>Margarops fuscata</i>								
White-breasted Thrasher	<i>Ramphocinclus brachyurus</i>			1					
Rufous-throated Solitaire	<i>Myadestes genibarbis</i>			2					
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>						1		
Black-whiskered Vireo	<i>Vireo altophous</i>		1						

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Antillean Euphonia	<i>Euphonia musica</i>			1					
St Lucia Warbler	<i>Dendroica delicata</i>		5	2		2	1		
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>			4			2		
St Lucia Black Finch	<i>Melanospiza richardsoni</i>		2	4					
Lesser Antillean Bullfinch	<i>Loxigilla noctis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Lucia Oriole	<i>Icterus laudabills</i>					3			1
Short-tailed Swift								8	
Mammals									
Antillean Free-tailed Bat	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Antillean Fruit-eating Bat	<i>Brachyphylla cavernarum</i>				✓				
Pantropical Spotted Dolphin	<i>Stenella attenuata</i>				✓				
Dwarf Sperm Whale	<i>Kogia sima</i>				1				
Pygmy Sperm Whale	<i>Kogia breviceps</i>								1

Others

Reptiles & Amphibians

Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Watts' Anole Lizard	<i>Anolis watti watti</i>
St Lucia Anole	<i>Anolis luciae</i>

Crabs

Sally Lightfoot Crab	<i>Grapsus grapsus</i>
Caribbean Hermit Crab	<i>Coenobita clypeatus</i>
Mottled Shore Crab	<i>Pachygrapsus transversus</i>

Butterflies and Moths

Julia	<i>Dryas iulia</i>
White Peacock	<i>Anartia jatophae</i>
Long-tailed Skipper	<i>Urbanus proteus</i>
Hanno Blue	<i>Hemiargus hanno</i>
Gulf Fritillary	<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>
Little Yellow	<i>Eurema lisa</i>
Large Sulphur	<i>Phoebis agarithe</i>
Black Witch Moth	<i>Ascalapha odorata</i>
Orcus Chequered Skipper	<i>Pyrgus orcus</i>

Fish and coral list

(compiled by Sandra Bateman)

Fish

Barracuda
Frogfish
Lionfish
Scorpionfish
Angelfish (French)
Bigeye snapper
Butterflyfish
Chromis blue
Chub
Damselfish (sergeant major)
White spotted filefish
Grunter
Silversides
Blue headed wrasse
Trumpetfish
Needlefish
Parrotfish
Lizardfish
Soldierfish
Surgeonfish
Blue tang
Black trunkfish
Sea cucumber
Sea urchin
Sponges

Coral

Sea fans
Sea plumes
Brain coral
Cup coral
Elkhorn coral
Finger coral
Sea rods coral