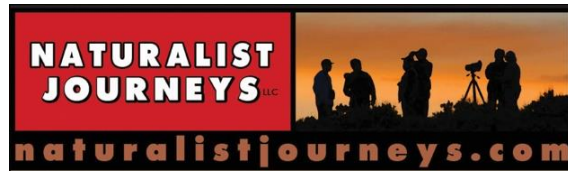


Panama Tranquilo Bay - Species Report



October 29 – November 5, 2023

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Compiled by host Rick Weiman with 10 wonderful clients that included Dave and Cindy, Doug and Laurie, Matt and Robin, Steve and Linda, and Tom and Carol, with local guides Roger, Brenda, and Christian.

Our Naturalist Journeys Panama Tranquilo Bay tour led us to the wonderful Tranquilo Bay Eco Adventure Lodge, our home for seven wonderful days. The lodge is an all-inclusive resort in Bocas del Toro, Panama on the island of Bastimentos that Naturalist Journeys tour groups have been visiting now since January 2022. The preserve surrounding the lodge and private cabanas encompasses 200+ forested acres of Panama's Western Caribbean Coast and over a kilometer of Caribbean coastline.

Boat excursions to bird smaller islands and canals surrounded by mangroves, or to the mainland were part of our daily adventures. Kayaks and paddleboards were also available for us to use when our down-time allowed it, and most of us took advantage of several opportunities to snorkel on the fairly pristine coral reefs right off the dock, or just a short boat ride away.

This species report Ebird link below details the 198 species of birds our group either observed or heard during the tour. If you're new to Ebird, be sure to click on "Show All Details" on the right side of the list as this will expand the report to show you where and when all of the birds were seen and how many.

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The following is a list of additional mammal, reptile, and amphibian species we were also lucky enough to find during the trip.

MAMMALS (9)

Derby's Woolly Opossum *Caluromys derbianus*—Spotted several evenings on the lodge banana feeders.

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*—Several observed on the grounds near the lodge and in the mangroves.

Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*—Good looks at several of this species as well, including one in some bushes near the tower only 8 feet off the ground.

Common Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*—Observed on most of our boat excursions, especially in the aptly named Dolphin Bay. We had a pod riding the boat wake on one trip, captured nicely on video by Roger.

Crab Eating Raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus*—One seemed to like the round fruits of the Jagua Tree in front of the lodge veranda and was seen several times high up in the branches of the tree.

MAMMALS (continued)

White-throated Capuchin *Cebus capucinus*—A family group visited the banana feeders on several mornings, including a momma with a youngling on her back.

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*—Heard during several mainland excursions and finally observed during our road birding trip on Buena Esperanza Road.

Panamanian Night Monkey *Aotus zonalis*—Rick was the only one fortunate to see these very unique nocturnal monkeys with large eyes who visited the banana feeders on two different evenings, but fairly late at night.

Greater Sac-winged Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata*—These small bats were roosting on the sides of our cabanas.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (16)

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* —We heard the splash of one diving out of sight and then observed a head sticking out of the wetlands near the Changuinola River.

White-lipped Mud Turtle *Kinosternon leucostomum* —Several seen basking in freshwater wetlands visited.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—In the trees during the Snyder Canal journey, and on the lodge property.

Green Basilisk *Basiliscus plumifrons*—A brilliant emerald green male and female spotted on Snyder Canal.

Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus*—Multiple sightings throughout the tour.

Helmeted Basilisk *Corytophanes cristatus*—Several seen hugging trees on the lodge property.

Middle American Ameiva *Holcosus Festivus*—(also known as the Central American Whiptail). Spotted on the grounds of the lodge property.

Mourning Gecko *Lepidodactylus lugubris*—This introduced species was abundant near the lodge.

Yellow-headed Gecko *Gonatodes albogularis*—Spotted by several clients with Roger and Brenda's help.

Brown Vinesnake *Oxybelis aeneus*—A nice find by Rick & Doug one night near cabin 2.

Striped Rocket Frog *Allobates talamancae*—Several seen and heard on the grounds of the Green Acres Chocolate Farm.

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio*—We found multiple color morphs of this species.

Green-and-black Poison Dart Frog *Dendrobates auratus*— Very common hopping around the grounds of the Green Acres Chocolate Farm.

Vaillant's Frog *Lithobates vaillanti*—One spotted in the small pond on the lodge property.

Evergreen Toad *Incilius coniferus* (also known as the Green Climbing Toad)—Not sure where this was seen but it made our nightly species list one day.

Coastal Plain Litter Frog *Craugastor polyptychus*—Found in the leaf litter of all places on a lodge trail walk.

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