

# Christmas at the Asa Wright Nature Centre | Species List Dec. 21 – 27 w/ Tobago Extension Dec. 27 – 30, 2024



**Compiled by guide Pat Lueders with ten clients that included Joan and Geary, Nancy, Fiona, Declan, Malakai, Chris and Glenna, Deb, Judy, and three local guides Dave and Lester on Trinidad, and Jason on Tobago.**

Our Naturalist Journeys tour to Trinidad & Tobago began with a brief stay at Hacienda Jacana, six wonderful days at the newly renovated Asa Wright Nature Centre, and three days at the Cuffie River Nature Retreat for the Tobago Post-Tour extension. The tour included an evening boat trip in Caroni Marsh and a boat trip to Little Tobago Island on the extension. We saw 200 bird species on both islands and a large variety of reptiles and amphibians. The highlights of species seen included the return of Scarlet Ibis to their Caroni roost, hundreds of American Flamingos below the roost, the iconic Oilbirds and Bearded Bellbirds at Asa Wright, 14 species of hummingbirds, all three manakin species, and Red-billed Tropicbirds, Brown and Red-footed Booby on Little Tobago.

The eBird species report link below details the 200 species of birds our group observed or heard during the tours. If you click on “Show All Details” on the right side of the eBird list you will see the details of each sighting.

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The following is a list of additional mammal, reptile, or amphibian species our expert guides or observant clients found during the tour.

## **MAMMALS (3)**

**Northeastern Silky Anteater** *Cyclopes didactylus*—Spotted by Lester on our Caroni Marsh boat trip

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporine*---Seen twice; on Blanchisseuse Road & at Asa Wright

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Attached to a tree trunk in the Caroni Swamp

## **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (8)**

**Grenada Tree Anole** *Anolis richardii*---Seen on walk at Tobago

**Northern Turniptail Gecko** *Thecadactylus rapicauda*—Seen on night walk at Asa Wright

**Tropical House Gecko** *Hemidactylus mabouia*---Seen at all three lodges

**Trinidad Ameiva** *Ameiva atrigularis*---Most often seen lizard; seen on both islands

**Cryptic Golden Tegu** *Tupinambis cryptus*—Seen on grounds of Asa Wright

**Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*—Seen on trip to Caroni Swamp

**Yellow-throated Frog** *Mannophryne trinitatis*---Seen on evening walk at Asa Wright

**Mangrove tree boa** *Corallus ruschenbergerii*—Spotted by Lester on Caroni Swamp boat trip

## **ADDITIONAL SIGHTINGS: Seen on Asa Wright Night Walk**

**Brazilian Wandering Spider**

**Tropical Orb Weave**

**Silver Orb Weaver**

**Leaf Cutter Ants**

**Tailless Whip Scorpion**  
**Mountain Crab**  
**Fireback Huntsman**  
**Owl Butterfly**  
**Stick Insect**  
**Trinidad Chevron Tarantula**