

# Belize: Three Great Lodges | Species List

## November 8 -18, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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We began in Cayo District with four nights at the fabulous Black Rock Lodge before moving on to the more remote Jade Jungle Resort, ultimately finishing the tour at Tanager Rainforest Lodge in the far south in Toledo District. Our watery adventure tallied over 260 bird species, testament to the effort made by our group and hardworking local guides in testing conditions. This was an especially memorable trip in so many respects not least of which was the warmth and friendliness of the people of Belize.

This ebird report link details over 260 species, some with photos and audio. 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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Special thanks go to our amazing local guides; Isaias and Hob at Black Rock Lodge, Mario and Mike at Jade Jungle Resort, and Steve Choco at Tanager Rainforest Lodge. They delivered an exceptional range of birds and wildlife throughout the tour.

### **MAMMALS (7 species):**

**Nectar-feeding Bat** *Leptonycteris sp.* – several coming to the hummingbird feeders at Jade Jungle Resort.

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata*— shy and easily spooked but ultimately seen around all three lodges, especially on the lawns at Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

**Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta pigra*— early arrivals had nice views of several at Black Orchid Resort but otherwise heard infrequently, usually pre-dawn, at all three lodges.

**Central American Spider Monkey** *Ateles geoffroyi* – about three near Black Rock Lodge on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Deppe’s Squirrel** *Sciurus deppi* – a small squirrel seen around the feeders at Black Rock Lodge and along the trails at Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

**Common Opossum** *Didelphis marsupialis* – one encountered on the night safari from Black Rock Lodge on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Tayra** *Eira Barbara* – a large male of the blonde-headed form seen along the trails of Tanager Rainforest Lodge on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (8 species):**

**Asian House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus (I)* – seemingly common in the buildings at Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

**Northern Turniptail Gecko** *Thecadactylus rapicauda* – one spotted and identified at Tanager Rainforest Lodge on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus* – numerous sightings around the feeders and water features at Black Rock plus others on the banks of the Rio Grande at Tanager Rainforest Lodge and at Tunich Ha.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* – numerous at Black Orchid Resort with others noted at all three lodges.

**Mexican Parrot Snake** *Leptophis mexicanus* – a slender, attractive species found at Green Hills on the 12th.

**Fer-de-Lance** *Bothrops asper* – a beautiful, cooperative specimen spotted on the night safari on Black Rock Road on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Brown Vine Snake** *Oxybelis aeneus* – Isaias discovered and picked up a youngster at Amigos Restaurant on the 8<sup>th</sup> and another was found at Black Rock Lodge on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Giant Toad** *Rhinella horribilis* – encountered in the grounds of Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

**Red-eyed Tree Frog** *Agalychnis callidryas* – spotted at Black Rock Lodge.

**Other fauna:**

**Pale Owl-Butterfly** *Caligo telamonius*

**Mexican Red-rumped Tarantula** *Tliltocatl vagans*