

Belize: Three Great Lodges | Species List

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Compiled by Naturalist Journeys host guide James P. Smith with additional ebird checklists provided by Kevin Parsons and real time field contributions from an awesome group; Gwen & Gary, Rob & Robin, Roger & Merle, Kate & Freya, Eileen and Bobbie.

This tried and trusted tour began in Cayo District at the fabulous Black Rock Lodge before moving on to the remote Jade Jungle Resort, ultimately finishing at Tanager Rainforest Lodge in Toledo District. We experienced immaculate weather throughout recording an impressive tally of over 270 species, thanks to the outstanding contribution made by our group and hard working local guides. The trip was especially memorable for its group camaraderie, along with the warmth and friendliness of the people of Belize.

The ebird species report link details over 270 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 talented and personable local guides; Isaias and Jeffry at Black Rock Lodge, Mario and Mike at Jade Jungle Resort, and Steve Choco at Tanager Rainforest Lodge. They got to us to each destination safely and delivered an exceptional array of birds and mammals throughout the tour.

MAMMALS (10 species):

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* – often around or sometimes inside the cabanas at Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*— shy but usually easy to see around all three lodges, especially on the manicured lawns at Tanager Rainforest Lodge.

Yucatan Black Howler Monkey *Alouatta pigra*— heard frequently, in fact heard on just about every day of the trip with stellar views along the road to Caracol on the 4th and along the Southern Highway just north of Punta Gorda on the 10th.

Deppe’s Squirrel *Sciurus deppi* – smaller than Yucatan Squirrel with nice views around the feeders at Black Rock Lodge and along the trails at Tanager Rainforest Lodge where they were seen feeding on Cohune Nuts.

Yucatan Squirrel *Sciurus yucatanensis*— just the one confirmed sighting at Belize Botanic Garden on the 2nd.

Kinkajou *Potos flavus* – this nocturnal arboreal beauty was spotlighted at Jade Jungle Resort and around the cabanas at Tanager Rainforest Lodge, known locally as ‘Night Walker’ or ‘Tree Lion’.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* – a remarkably bold individual entertained some of the group at the balcony feeders at Black Rock Lodge on the 2nd, with another seen later in the tour at Tanager RFL on the 9th.

Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis* – Mario managed to spotlight one in the meadow at Jade Jungle Resort during a night walk on the 6th; seen by Bobbie, Kevin, Roger and Merle.

Jaguarundi *Herpailurus yagouaroundi* – a gray-brown morph crossed the road just below the entrance gate to Mountain Pine Ridge Reserve on the 4th. A scarce, rarely encountered feline seen by most of the folks in Isaias’ vehicle.

Neotropical River Otter *Lontra longicaudis* – Eileen saw one on the Rio Grande at Tanager Rainforest Lodge with another found by Freya and Kate the next day at Blue Creek.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS (8 species):

Morelet's Crocodile *Crocodylus moreletii*—three specimens loafing in the shallows at Spanish Lookout on the 3rd.

Tiger Rat Snake *Spilotes pullatus* – one on the entrance road to Tanager Rainforest Lodge on the 10th, spotted by Steve.

Rainbow Ameiva *Holcosus undulatus* – nice views of one basking at Black Rock on the 2nd.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* – not as numerous as previous tours with three widespread singles from Black Rock Lodge to Hopkins bay.

Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus* – several sightings around the feeders and water features at Black Rock plus another at Tunich Ha.

Gecko sp *Gekkoninae* –often in and around the cabanas and lodge building at Tanager Rain Lodge.

Mexican Smilisca *Smilisca baudinii* – one at Jade Jungle Resort on the 6th.

Yellow Tree Frog *Dendropsophus microcephalus* – one at Tanager Rainforest Lodge on the 9th.

BUTTERFLIES (5 species identified):

Banded Peacock *Anartia fatima*

Pale Owl-Butterfly *Caligo telamonius*

Common Morpho *Morpho helenor*

Zebra Longwing *Heliconius charithonia*

Gulf Fritillary *Dione vanilla*

Other fauna:

Scorpion sp. - Kate and Freya were fortunate enough to find one in their cabana at Tanager Rainforest Lodge on the 7th!