

# Best of Belize | Species List

## January 13 – 21, 2024 | with Naturalist Journeys



**Compiled by guide Drew Haffenden with local guides Ruben at Lamanai Outpost Lodge and Luis at Chan Chich. Our clients included Richard, Jim, John, Camilla, Deb, Mindy, Greg, Scott, Sharon and Caydee.**

This was a wonderful nine day combination of birding, wildlife and Mayan structures and culture in Belize. We saw 207 species of birds, 10 species of mammals and numerous reptiles and amphibians. We also had a side focus on butterflies with experts Deb and Caydee.

The eBird link below details the 207 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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**BO:** Black Orchid Resort  
**LA:** Lamanai Outpost Lodge  
**NR:** New River and lagoon  
**DC:** Dawson Creek  
**PS:** pine savanna Lamanai  
**CC:** Chan Chich  
**GJ:** Gallon Jug away from Chan Chich Lodge  
**LR:** Lamani Archeological Reserve  
**LS:** Laguna Seca

### **MAMMALS (11)**

**Southern Opossum** *Didelphis marsupialis* – (1) one at LA  
**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* – (24) NR, DC  
**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata* (2) both at LA  
**Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouetta pigra* (7) seen daily at LA  
**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* (10) seen daily around GJ  
**White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica* (1) Seen a couple of times by a few people at LA  
**Gray Fox** *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* (1) seen at night capturing small prey item GJ  
**Yucatan Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus yucatanensis* (2) A couple seen at LA  
**Nectar Feeding Bat** *Glossophaga soricina* (1) LA  
**Leaf-nosed Bat sp.** (9) in shed LR  
**Fishing Bat** *Noctilio leporinus* (3) this large Bulldog Bat was seen flying over the lagoon (NR) at Lamanai on a boat tour

### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9)**

**Morelet's Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii* (4) Several of this endangered crocodile seen NR, including a large one from the Lamanai dock, and eyeshine DC.  
Common (Asian) House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* (8) a common invasive species from Mexico to Panama, with small populations in the US. Invasive ability enhanced by ability to store sperm for up to 9 months resulting in no

need for parthogenesis; sexual reproduction also increase competitive fitness against native parthenogenetic species. LA

**Black Spiny-tailed Iguana** *Ctenosaura similis* (1) LA

**Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus* (2) a couple at LA

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* (20) most common reptile – number probably an undercount - seen daily in forest and riverine habitats. Larger adult males were in rusty color as it was breeding season.

**Anole** *Anolis sp.* (several) not uncommon around LA

**Central America Boa** *Boa imperator* (2) one NR and one at LR

**Giant Toad** *Rhinella horribilis* (1) LA

**Rainforest Toad** (1) unknown sp.

**Treefrog sp.** (1) LS similar to Yellow Treefrog *Dendropsophus* but without the yellow fingers and toes.

### **BUTTERFLIES (10)**

**Mimosa Yellow** *Eurema nise* (1) BO

**Eastern Tailed Blue** *Everes comyntas* (2) BO

**Variable Cracker** *Hamadryas feronia* (1) BO

**Variable Cattleheart** *Parides erithalion* (1) LA

**Zebra Longwing** *Heliconius charithonia* (several) widespread butterfly increasing in SI Southeast LA

**West Indian Mangrove Buckeye** *Junonia neildi* (1) CC

**Yellow-tipped Flasher** *Astrartes anaphus* (1) LA

**Pale Owl Butterfly** *Caligo telamonius* Memnon (1) LA

**White-edged Longtail** *Urbanus albimargo* (1) LA

**Orange Banner** *Temenis laothoe* (1) LA

**Potrillo Skipper** *Cabares potrillo* (1) LA

**Tailed Orange** *Pyrisitia proterpia* (1) LA

**Esmeralda Longtail Urbanus** *esmeraldus* (3) LA

**White Satyr (Double-white Satyr)** *Pareuptychia ocirrhoe* (1) CC

**White Peacock** *Anartia jatrophae* CC (1) CC

**Banded Peacock** *Anartia fatima* (1) CC

**Large Orange Sulphur** *Phoebis agarithe* (2) CC

**Satyr Butterfly** *Euptychia sp.* (1) CC

**Phoebis sp** (1) CC

### **OTHER INSECTS**

**Caribbean Yellowface Damselfly** *Neorythromma cultelatum* (1) LS

**Elephant Beetle** *Megasoma elephas* (1) LA

**Katydid sp.** (1) In Great Kiskadee bill LA