

# Caribbean Endemics of Jamaica | Species List

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Stories of Jamaica might illicit images of sun-soaked beaches, Bob Marley, and Pirates of the Caribbean. For nature lovers, however, the third largest Caribbean island means endemism and biodiversity. Jamaica hosts more endemic birds than any other island in the Caribbean, and the floral diversity ranks it fifth among all the islands in the world.

Our winter Jamaica trip in 2024 gave us an excellent display of the island's natural wonders. We birded from the Hellshire Hills to the Blue Mountains and down to the northeast coast. We saw every one of Jamaica's 29 endemic bird species, plus several Caribbean specialty birds. Some of the Jamaican endemics showed in impressive numbers: 20 Jamaican Todies, 30 Jamaican Woodpeckers, 43 Jamaican Spindalises, 84 Ring-tailed Pigeons, and 100 Orangequits, to name a few. And we had Crested Quail-Doves running around at our feet. Warblers were especially diverse, with 16 species tallied, including a couple of rare Swainson's Warblers and 10 endemic Arrowhead Warblers. The birds kept us busy.

Beyond the avifauna, we enjoyed an array of other wildlife, including several terrestrial invertebrates, not to mention some great Jamaican flora.

Below is a link to the master eBird trip report, followed by other wildlife highlights. Browse the eBird trip lists at your leisure and peruse the other wildlife lists with baited breath, and then join us next year to see the Jamaican endemics for yourself!

### **BIRDS (105):**

Click the link below to access the eBird trip report. Once you have pulled up the report, you will first see the list of 105 species we encountered, in taxonomic order. Clicking on any species will take you to the eBird reference page for that bird. Clicking the green icons to the right will show you the different checklists where each species was encountered, and these listings link to the checklists themselves. Back on the main page, you can access the complete set of 45 checklists from the tour by clicking the blue box at the top.

[Jamaica Endemics eBird Trip Report: Jan 28-Feb 4, 2024](#)



**Red-billed Streamertail**

**MAMMALS (1):**

Small Indian Mongoose *Urva auropunctata*

**REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (3):**

Stripe-foot Anole *Anolis lineatopus*

Jamaican Giant Anole *Anolis garmani*

Tropical House Gecko *Hemidactylus mabouia*

**NOTABLE INVERTEBRATES (14):**

Jamaican Wasp moth *Horama grotei*

Band-winged Dragonlet *Erythrodiplax umbrata*

Tawny Pennant dragonfly *Brachymesia herbida*

Caribbean Ruby-eye butterfly *Perichares philetus*

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*

Zebra Longwing *Heliconius charithonia*

Julia Heliconian *Dryas iulia*

Lignum vitae butterfly *Krignon lyside*

Queen butterfly *Danaus gilippus*

Orion butterfly *Historis odius*

Hardwood Stump Borer *Malladon dasystemas*

Potato Leaf Beetle *Leptinotarsa undecimlineata*

West Indian Fuzzy Chiton *Acanthopleura granulata*

Scaly Chiton *Chiton squamosus*



**Crested Quail-Dove**



**Blue Mahoe, Jamaica's National Tree**