

# Belize Green Season Species List | July 20 – 27, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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During an incredible week of exploring the lush interior of Belize during the green season, we were constantly in a state of awe at how rich and diverse this area was with surprises around every turn. From the beautiful Rio Frio cave in the Mountain Pine Ridge to each fantastic boat ride at Lamanai, it is really impossible to keep the highlights brief. Off our balcony at Black Rock, one tree had around ten species of bird all nesting in it, making for a constant show of a variety of behaviors and activity. Another special moment was at the ruins of Lamanai when the howler monkeys started going off the only way they know how (full volume), and when we got to visit Eduardo's house and meet his wife and son. And we were all in shock when we came around the corner with Isaias driving the van and stumbled upon a mass gathering of King Vultures right along the road, perched for amazing close views. Just the overall richness of both the culture and nature here really made for an unforgettable journey.

## **BIRDS (220 species):**

The eBird link below details the **220** 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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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

## **MAMMALS (11 species):**

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* — Seen roosting along the route to Lamanai

**Underwood's Long-tongued Bat** *Glossophaga soricina* – Seen coming to finish off the hummingbird feeders

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata* – Seen wandering around the grounds of Black Rock Lodge

**Deppe's Squirrel** *Sciurus deppei* – One seen at Lamanai and at Black Orchid

**Yucatan Gray Squirrel** *Sciurus yucatanensis* – Seen around the Lamanai area

**Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta pigra* – Seen or heard almost daily, including some nice encounters at Black Orchid, the Lamanai Ruins, and the Belize Botanical Gardens

**Central American Spider Monkey** *Ateles geoffroyi* – Seen moving through the edge of the jungle at Spanish Lookout

**White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica* – Seen wandering around the grounds of the Lamanai ruins site

**Gray Fox** *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* – One seen while driving around the fields of Spanish Lookout

**West-Indian Manatee** *Trichechus manatus* – Seen mostly as splashes as they dashed away from the boat along the New River at Lamanai

**Mexican Long-nosed Armadillo** *Dasypus mexicanus* – Seen foraging along the path at Black Rock Lodge

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (13 species):**

**Morelet's Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii* – Seen in the lagoons at Spanish Lookout

**Asian House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus* – Seen or heard every day around the lodge buildings

**Yucatan Banded Gecko** *Coleonyx elegans* – Seen along the trail during a night hike at Lamanai

**Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus* – Seen most days of the tour, usually near water

**Black Spiny-tailed Iguana** *Ctenosaura similis* – Seen most days, often out the windows of the van or along the banks of the river

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* – Seen daily at Black Orchid and around Lamanai area, often lounging up in the canopies

**Northern Cat-eyed Snake** *Leptodeira septentrionalis* – Seen during a night walk at Black Rock Lodge

**Brown's Leopard Frog** *Lithobates brownorum* – Seen during night walks at Lamanai and Black Rock around the lodge grounds

**Central American Gulf Coast Toad** *Incilius valliceps* – Seen during a night walk at Black Rock

**Giant Toad** *Rhinella horribilis* – Seen during a night walk at Black Rock, made friends with Gilbert

**Mahogany Tree Frog** *Tlalocohyla loquax* – Seen and heard during night walk around Black Rock Lodge

**Red-eyed Tree Frog** *Agalychnis callidryas* – Seen during a night walk at Black Rock Lodge