

# Belize: Best of Belize Species List | March 2 – 10, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by Naturalist Journeys host guide **James P. Smith** with additional ebird checklists graciously provided by Dominic Mitchell and Melissa McMasters along with field contributions from our intrepid group; John & Ursula, Sam & Judy, Barb and Leah. This list would not be as comprehensive were it not for our talented and personable local guides; Lenny from Birds Eye View, Abdul from Lamanai Outpost Lodge and Luis from Chan Chich Lodge.

This tried and trusted tour began at the sensational Birds Eye View Lodge overlooking Crooked Tree Lagoon before moving on to Lamanai Outpost Lodge for three nights and ultimately finishing at Chan Chich Lodge deeply embedded in the Rio Bravo Conservation area. We enjoyed immaculate weather throughout as the dry season started in earnest and temperatures rose day by day. The trip was especially memorable for its outstanding night safaris, an impressive selection of mammals and a fine array of regionally endemic bird species.

The ebird species report link details over 240 species, some of them 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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Along with a list of other non-avian fauna below;

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

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* – often around the cabanas at Lamanai Outpost Lodge plus outstanding views on the night safari on New River Lagoon.

**Yucatan Black Howler Monkey** *Alouatta pigra*— heard frequently at Lamanai with a group seen on our visit to the Maya Archeological site there. Also heard and seen at Chan Chich.

**Central American Spider Monkey** *Mazama temama* – Chan Chich consistently produces views of this species around the staff village and the lodge and this tour was no exception with our best looks of the first morning bird walk at Chan Chich.

**Puma** *Puma concolor* – an outstanding find by Luis in the tall grass meadows of Gallon Jug during the night safari from Chan Chich. Although it was tough to see the whole animal, most of us had some views as Luis skillfully tracked it through the pasture using the spotlight.

**Ocelot** *Leopardus pardalis* – incredible, prolonged views of one around the staff village in the opening minutes of our Chan Chich night safari. Thanks to Emil for the advice!

**Gray Fox** *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* – encountered quite frequently around Chan Chich, not only on the night safari but sometimes in the middle of the day around the cabins.

**Tayra** *Eira barbara* – a fine male was nicely photographed by John at the Lamanai feeders... the only sighting of this large weasel of the whole tour.

**White-lipped Peccary** *Tayassu pecari* – a fairly large group, more than a dozen or so, found in the Gallon Jug coffee plantations as we drove towards Sylvester Village.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* – notably smaller and darker than the North American subspecies, these were abundant around the pastures of Gallon Jug farm and even on the airport runway! Known locally as ‘Savannah Deer’ they form a major prey item for the large cats in the area.

**Yucatan Squirrel** *Sciurus yucatanensis*— a steady sequence of sightings on most days at Lamanai where it was often found ‘free-loading’ at the feeders.

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata*— shy but usually easy to see around at Lamanai plus one seen along the access road to Chan Chich.

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

**Morelet’s Crocodile** *Crocodylus moreletii*— Lenny brought us up to huge specimen loafing in the shallows at Crooked tree Lagoon during the afternoon boat tour.

**Asian House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus* – present in and around the rooms at all three lodges.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana* – abundant at Crooked Tree Lagoon with some huge males seen on both the morning and afternoon boat trips.

**Brown Basilisk** *Basiliscus vittatus* – some fabulous sightings around the lodge at Crooked Tree Lagoon as well as at Lamanai.

**Marine Toad** *Rhinella marina* – a real heavy weight brute just chillin’ on the middle of the road at Gallon Jug during the night safari was one of the more memorable non-avian sightings of the trip! Also, an impressive number emerged after an early evening rain shower at Lamanai, just before the night safari there.

### **Other fauna:**

**Scorpion sp.** – Melissa was fortunate enough to find one in her cabana at Lamanai Outpost Lodge!

### **INSECTS (106 SPECIES) by client Melissa McMasters :**

In addition, here’s an iNaturalist link to all the insects recorded on the tour by Melissa McMasters;

[https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place\\_id=6953&subview=map&taxon\\_id=47158&user\\_id=mmcmasters&verifiable=any&view=species](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place_id=6953&subview=map&taxon_id=47158&user_id=mmcmasters&verifiable=any&view=species)

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Taxon Type</b>
Florida Five-lined Yellow	<i>Disonycha quinquelineata</i>	Coleoptera	Beetles
latrophobia brasiliensis	<i>latrophobia brasiliensis</i>	Diptera	Flies
Bicolored Plushback	<i>Palpada pusilla</i>	Diptera	Flies
Saltmarsh Greenhead Flies	<i>Tabanus nigrovittatus</i>	Diptera	Flies
Zelus grassans	<i>Zelus grassans</i>	Hemiptera	Assassin Bugs
Hypselonotus lineatus	<i>Hypselonotus lineatus</i>	Hemiptera	Leaf-Footed Bugs
Plapigus circumcinctus	<i>Plapigus circumcinctus</i>	Hemiptera	Leaf-Footed Bugs
Agrosoma placetis	<i>Agrosoma placetis</i>	Hemiptera	Leafhoppers
Erythrogonia jucunda	<i>Erythrogonia jucunda</i>	Hemiptera	Leafhoppers
Erythrogonia laudata	<i>Erythrogonia laudata</i>	Hemiptera	Leafhoppers

Apateson albomaculatum	<i>Apateson albomaculatum</i>	Hemiptera	Planthoppers
Aeneolamia contigua	<i>Aeneolamia contigua</i>	Hemiptera	Spittlebugs
Red-bordered Stink Bug	<i>Edessa rufomarginata</i>	Hemiptera	Stink Bugs
Hairy-headed Leafcutter Ant	<i>Atta cephalotes</i>	Hymenoptera	Ants
Ectatomma tuberculatum	<i>Ectatomma tuberculatum</i>	Hymenoptera	Ants
Western Honey Bee	<i>Apis mellifera</i>	Hymenoptera	Bees
Cephalotrigona zexmeniae	<i>Cephalotrigona zexmeniae</i>	Hymenoptera	Bees
Mexican Pitted-Stingless bee	<i>Nannotrigona perilampoides</i>	Hymenoptera	Bees
Narrow Stingless Bee	<i>Tetragonisca angustula</i>	Hymenoptera	Bees
Red-tailed Stingless Bee	<i>Trigona fulviventris</i>	Hymenoptera	Bees
Polistes stabilinus	<i>Polistes stabilinus</i>	Hymenoptera	Wasps
Clayman's Mud-dauber Wasp	<i>Sceliphron assimile</i>	Hymenoptera	Wasps
Banded Peacock	<i>Anartia fatima</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
White Peacock	<i>Anartia jatrophae</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Tropical Least Skipper	<i>Ancyloxypha arene</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Yellow Angled-Sulphur	<i>Anteos maerula</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Pale-banded Crescent	<i>Anthanassa tulcis</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Great Southern White	<i>Ascia monuste</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Potrillo Skipper	<i>Autochton potrillo</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Tropical Checkered-Skipper	<i>Burnsius oileus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Rounded Metalmark	<i>Calephelis perditalis</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Pale Owl-Butterfly	<i>Caligo telamonius</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Saturnus Skipper	<i>Callimormus saturnus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Mimosa Skipper	<i>Cogia calchas</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Redundant Skipper	<i>Corticea corticea</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Eastern Tailed-Blue	<i>Cupido comyntas</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Queen	<i>Danaus gilippus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Four-spotted Sailor	<i>Dynamine postverta</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Ruddy Hairstreak	<i>Electrostrymon hugon</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Mexican Cycadian	<i>Eumaeus toxea</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Barred Yellow	<i>Eurema daira</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Florida White	<i>Glutophrissa drusilla</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Variiegated Skipper	<i>Gorgythion begga</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Gray Cracker	<i>Hamadryas februa</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Zebra Longwing	<i>Heliconius charithonia</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Red Postman	<i>Heliconius erato</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Turk's-cap White-Skipper	<i>Heliopetes macaira</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Ceraunus Blue	<i>Hemiargus ceraunus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Thoas Swallowtail	<i>Heraclides thoas</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Hermes Satyr	<i>Hermeuptychia hermes</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Wavy Satyr	<i>Hermeuptychia sinuosa</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Fiery Skipper	<i>Hylephila phyleus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies

Cassius Blue	<i>Leptotes cassius</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Many-banded Daggerwing	<i>Marpesia chiron</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Clytie Ministreak	<i>Ministrymon clytie</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Glorious Blue-Skipper	<i>Paches loxus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Purple-washed Skipper	<i>Panoquina lucas</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
White Satyr	<i>Pareptychia ocirrhoe</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Morning Glory Tufted Skipper	<i>Pellicia dimidiata dimidiata</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Phaon Crescent	<i>Phyciodes phaon</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Five-striped Kite-Swallowtail	<i>Protesilaus macrosilaus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Little Yellow	<i>Pyrisitia lisa</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Mimosa Yellow	<i>Pyrisitia nise</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Common Blue-Skipper	<i>Quadrus cerialis</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Malachite	<i>Siproeta stelenes</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Plain Longtail	<i>Spicauda simplicius</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Mazans Scallopwing	<i>Staphylus mazans</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Pearly-gray Hairstreak	<i>Strephonota tephraeus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Northern Faceted Skipper	<i>Synapte pecta</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Yellow-tipped Flasher	<i>Telegonus anausis</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Many-banded Skipper	<i>Timochares trifasciata</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Esmeralda Longtail	<i>Urbanus esmeraldus</i>	Lepidoptera	Butterflies
Grateful Midget	<i>Elaphria grata</i>	Lepidoptera	Moths
Moonseed Fruitpiercer	<i>Gonodonta sinaldus</i>	Lepidoptera	Moths
Green-eyed Dancer	<i>Argia frequentula</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Peten Dancer	<i>Argia gaumeri</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Oculate Dancer	<i>Argia oculata</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Fiery-eyed Dancer	<i>Argia oenea</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Dusky Dancer	<i>Argia translata</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Tawny Pennant	<i>Brachymesia herbida</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Brown Setwing	<i>Dythemis sterilis</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Red Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis haematogastra</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Pin-tailed Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis plebeja</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Great Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis vesiculosa</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Red-mantled Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax fervida</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Red-faced Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax fusca</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Band-winged Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax umbrata</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Tiny Forktail	<i>Ischnura capreolus</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Citrine Forktail	<i>Ischnura hastata</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Lucifer Swampdamselfly	<i>Leptobasis lucifer</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Dwarf Glider	<i>Miathyria simplex</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Spot-tailed Dasher	<i>Micrathyria aequalis</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Peten Dasher	<i>Micrathyria debilis</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Three-striped Dasher	<i>Micrathyria didyma</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies

Caribbean Yellowface	<i>Neoerythromma cultellatum</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Roseate Skimmer	<i>Orthemis ferruginea</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Slough Amberwing	<i>Perithemis domitia</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Eastern Amberwing	<i>Perithemis tenera</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Peach-fronted Threadtail	<i>Protoneura corculum</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Garnet Glider	<i>Tauriphila australis</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Belize Firetail	<i>Telebasis boomsmae</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Sooty Saddlebags	<i>Tramea binotata</i>	Odonata	Dragonflies & Damselflies
Clipped-winged Grasshopper	<i>Metaleptea brevicornis</i>	Orthoptera	Grasshoppers
Mexican Pygmy Grasshopper	<i>Paratettix mexicanus</i>	Orthoptera	Grasshoppers