

# Trinidad & Tobago Species List | April 5-14, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



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Our tour adventure took us to most of the key birding destinations that Trinidad and Tobago has to offer. With the incredible leadership from the very knowledgeable local guides, we visited most of the habitats from mountain and lowland tropical forests to mangroves, swamps, wetlands and coastal shorelines. We were thrilled to see and photograph the only two endemic bird species in this small country, the critically endangered Trinidad Piping-Guan and the less threatened Trinidad Motmot. In Trinidad our star accommodations included the very birdy and charmingly hospitable Hacienda Jacana, the Mt. Plaisier Hotel at Grande Riviere where we observed leatherback sea turtles come ashore to nest and the infamous Asa Wright Nature Center where the friendly staff and guides were happy to take care of us. In addition to the grounds of each of these great locations, our birding activities included time in the Nariva Swamp and the amazing Bajnath's Estate Hummingbird Sanctuary where the busy feeders kept photographers happy and lunch was incredibly taste. The mountainous Blanchisseuse Road was quite productive and what about that memorable evening boat tour at Caroni Swamp where we had dinner as we watched 1500+ Scarlet Ibis go to roost. This stunning ibis is the national bird of the islands.

For the final segment of the tour, we relocated to the smaller island of Tobago with its much more Caribbean atmosphere and setting, where the Cuffie River Nature Retreat served as our base accommodations. Once again, the incredibly sweet owner and staff made special efforts, even when we arrived much later than expected for dinner due to very delayed flights to the island and an unexpected traffic jam our final day. Evenings here were periodically interrupted by the unique descending calls of the Common Potoo. Other birding locations we explored in Tobago included the Bon Accord water treatment ponds which added many new species to our tour, the beautiful Main Ridge Forest Preserve and trails, and of course Little Tobago Island with its spectacular seabird colonies. Our final full day ended with watching the lovely sunset at Fort James.

**BIRDS 212** species were recorded of which 11 were heard only, 2 were endemic and 1 was introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the **212** species of birds our group observed/detected 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 mammals, reptiles and amphibians we observe/detect during the trip.

#### **MAMMALS: (7)**

**Northeastern Silky Anteater** *Cyclopes didactylus*—We observed this tiny, nocturnal anteater curled up and sleeping in the mangroves at Caroni Swamp.

**Brazilian Porcupine** *Coendou prehensilis*—We noted one of these small, arboreal porcupine at Asa Wright. Unlike our North American porcupine, these have long prehensile tails.

**Proboscis Bat** *Artibeus jamaicensis*—These were the tiny bats pointed out to us as they clung to the trunk of larger trees during our boat tour at Caroni Swamp.

**Lesser Sac-winged Bat** *Saccopteryx leptura*--Often observed flying around the forest at Asa Wright, esp. during those cloudy, and light rainy periods.

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporina*— We observed a few of these large, tailless rodents as they foraged for seeds and fruit at the forest edges at Asa Wright

**Red-tailed Squirrel** *Sciurus granatensis*—These squirrels were frequently observed the first few days while at Hacienda Jacana and encountered a few other locations while in Trinidad.

**Guianan Red Howler-Monkey** *Alouatta macconnelli*—We heard one the first morning at Hacienda Jacana

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: (8)**

**Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*—We observed a few while boat touring through Caroni Swamp, including eyeshine as we returned after sunset.

**Leatherback Sea Turtle** *Dermochelys coriacea*—We had the thrill of watching several of these massive creatures haul themselves out of the Atlantic, dig a nest on the narrow beach, lay eggs and cover them, and return to the ocean immediately adjacent to our hotel. We had a few in the evening and noted another finishing up just at dawn.

**Green Iguana** *iguana iguana*—Several were pointed out in the trees after we departed the boat to Little Tobago Island at Blue Waters Inn.

**Wiegmann's Striped Gecko** *Gonatodes vittatus*—Some folks had these fine lizards at their casitas at Hacienda Jacana.

**Trinidad Ameiva** *Ameiva atrigularis*—This was the most common diurnal lizard that we encountered.

**Trinidad Tree Boa** *Corallus ruschenbergerii*—We observed two individuals sleeping in the mangroves during our tour of Caroni Swamp.

**Trinidad Stream Frog** *Mannophryne trinitatis*—Our local Asa Wright guide identified a few of these tiny frogs for the folks that went on the evening prow. A few pics were taken and shared with the group.

**Cane Toad** *Rhinella marina*—We encountered a few in the evening on the road to and from our casitas at the Hacienda Jacana, including a massive adult.